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* INDIA	7911	F. W. Vibert	23rd	..
M.L. PENINSULAR	5274	A. G. Cubitt	30th	..
* EGYPT	7912	G. L. Langborne	6th	June
M.L. INDIA	7911	F. W. Vibert	13th	..
* ARABIA	7903	T. Leigh	20th	..
M.L. EGYPT	7912	G. L. Langborne,	27th	..
* PERSIA	7951	W. A. Wheler	4th	July
M.L. ARABIA	7903	T. Leigh	11th	..
* CALEDONIA	7558	E. H. Gordon	18th	..
M.L. PERSIA	7951	W. A. Wheler	25th	..

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ARABIA	Geo Read	3,598	12th July.
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TO MARSEILLES.

Vessels.	Tons.	Captains	To Sail on THURSDAY.
CALEDONIEN	4,231	Marcantetti	4th June 1903
OCEANIEN	4,250	Guigues	2nd July 1903.
ERNEST SIMONS	5,707	Dupuy Fromy	30th July 1903.

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2 of	70,000 M	,, 3,500	156 of	2,000 M	,, 100
1 of	65,000 M	,, 3,250	4 of	1,500 M	,, 75
1 of	60,000 M	,, 3,000	612 of	1,000 M	,, 50
1 of	55,000 M	,, 2,750	1030 of	300 M	,, 15
2 of	50,000 M	,, 2,500	20 of	250 M	,, 12·10/—
1 of	40,000 M	,, 2,000	77 of	200 M	,, 10
1 of	30,000 M	,, 1,500	36053 of	169 M	,, 8·9—
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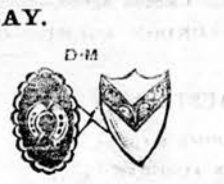

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BANKS.

	Shares	Amount	Paid-up	Last Half Yearly Divid.	Cash Rate
INDIAN BANKS.		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs
Bank of Bombay	20,000	500	all	10 p. c.	1,295
Bank of Bengal	40,000	500	all	10 pr. ct.	1,315
Bank of Madras	15,000	500	all	8 pr. ct.	960
Commercial Bank of India	40,000	100	100	nil	53
EXCHANGE BANKS.					
Charter Bank	60,000	£20	£20	10 pr. ct.	£40 to 41
Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation	80,000	dol. 125	all	£1 10·0	£89
National Bank of India	40,000	£25	£12½	dvd 10 pr	Rs. 400

MISCELLANEOUS.

				Half yearly	
Alcock Ashdown	1,750	100	100	dv Rs 5	265
Back Bay Baths	600	50	50	12	35
Badham Pile	5,000	100	100	12 pr ct	158
Bombay and Burma Trading Corporation	1,000	2,500	1,500	dvd 195	6,475
Do. New Issue	1,800	625	375	dvd 48¾	1,645
Bombay Ice Mfg. Co., Ld.	1,250	100	100	6 pr ct	59
Bombay Flour Mill	1,000	500	500	25	830xd
Delhi and Northern India Flour Mills	1,700	200	200	dvdRs12	175
Empire of India Life A. Co., Ld.	2,000	500	80	7½	55
Indian Guarantee Surety Ship Assn	5,000	100	10	10 pr ct	16
John Roberts and Co	1,500	100	100	dvd Rs10	140
Kemp and Co.	2,800	200	175	14	216
Kurrachee Landing	500	500	500	0	25
Marcks and Co., Ld	4,000	100	100	dvd Rs10	147
Napier Hotel Co	2,000	100	100	9 pr ct	2.
Oriental Govt. Security Life Insurance	5,000	100	50	12 pr ct	136
Phillips and Co., Ld.	4,000	100	100	Nil	16
Port Canning Co	6,000	1,000	1,000	dvd Rs18	442½
Soundy and Co.	1,000	100	1,061		20
Treacher and Co.	2,000	500	500	15	615
Thacker and Co.	1,800	100		dvd Rs15	180
Telephone Co.	27,500	25	25	dvd Rs1½	24

SPINNING AND WEAVING COMPANIES.

				Half yearly.	
Alliance	1,000	1,000	all	Nil	14
Anglo-Indian	1,365	100	100	Nil	2
Bombay; United	900	1,000	1,000	dvRs12½	300
Bombay Cotton Manfg. Co.	1,200	500	500	dvd Rs30	395
Britannia Mills	1,800	1,000	1,000	Nil	135
Central India	7,500	500	500	Rs 50	1585xd
China Mills Co. Ld.	800	1,000	1,000	dvd Rs25	520
City of Bombay Mills	800	1,000	1,000	dvdRs25	685
Connaught Mills	1,650	500	500	Nil	350
Colaba Land and Mills	4,000	700	700	Rs. 10	390
Cooria Mills	1,500	1,000	1,000	dvd Rs40	520
Currimbhoy Mills	750	1,000	1,000	dvdRs20	575
David Mills	1,400	500	500	dvdRs10	245
Empress	2,100	500	500	Nil	175
Framjee Petit	1,250	1,000	1,000	dvdRs20	490
Hindustan	1,200	1,000	1,000	dvdRs30	370
Howard and Bullough	1,560	500	500	Nil	350
Hyderabad	700	1,000	1,000	Rs 40	850
Imperial Cotton	900	500	500	Nil	55
Indian Manfg.	1,000	1,000	1,000	dvdRs25	350
Indo-China Manufacturing Co., Ld.	750	1,000	1,000	dvdRs25	530
James Greaves	1,300	500	500	Nil	210
Jamshed Manufacturing Co.	1,800	250	250	dvd 5	72½
Jewraj Balloo	1,800	1,000	1,000	dvdRs20	395
Jubilee Mills Co., Ld.	843	1,000	1,000	dvdRs20	270
Khandeish	750	1,000	1,000	dvdRs35	675
Khatao Mackunjee	1,000	1,000	1,000	dvdRs25	370
Leopold	3,500	100	100	Nil	100
Lakmidas Spinning and Weaving Co.	1,000	1,000	1,000	Nil	365
Madras United	800	1,000	1,000	Rs 100	2,325
Manockjee Petit	4,000	1,000	1,000	dvdRs70	2,050
Morarji Goculdas	1,050	1,000	1,000	dvdRs50	1,516
Mysore S. and M. Co., Ld.	4,090	250	250	Nil	75
New Great Eastern	4,400	1,000	1,000	Nil	85
Presidency Mills Co., Ld.	742	1,000	1,000	dvdRs40	580
Queen Mills	800	1,000	1,000	Nil	500
Ripon Mills	600	1,000	1,000	Nil	395
Sassoon	1,050	1,000	1,000	Rs 50	710
Sholapore Mills	800	1,000	1,000	dvdRs65	1,710xd
Soonderdas	750	1,000	1,000	Nil	115
Southern India	,000	500	500	Nil	20
Southern Mahratta	7,380	250	250	7½	125
Sun Mills, Ld.	3,200	250	250	Nil	80
Standard Mills Co.	1,000	500	500	Rs. 30	315
Swadeshi Mills	3,000	500	500	30	702½xd
Sassoon and Alliance	4,000	500	500	dvdRs30	505
Union Spinning and Manufacturing Co.	500	1,000	1,000	Nil	100
Union Mills, Ld.	,000	1,000	1,000	Nil	125
Western India	1,200	1,000	1,000	Nil	270
Cohinoor	2,800	500	500	20	300

PRESS COMPANIES.

				Yearly.	
Akbar	200	1,250	1,250	125	1,450
Albert (Kurrachee)	200	1,000	1,100	Rs 35	580
Bellary	167	1,000	1,000	dvd Rs20	230xd
Bombay Cotton	1,000	125	125	Nil	67½
Breuls Cawnpore Press Co., Ld.	500	200	200	dvd Rs16	190
Broach City Press Co., Co.	600	1,000	1,000	dvd Rs12	185
Colaba	500	1,880	1,880	dvd Rs15	310
East India	250	1,000	1,000	dvd Rs14	1475
English Press and Manfg.	700	250	250	dvd Rs 4	60
Fort	150	8,000	1,150	dvd Rs20	725
French	300	500	500	dvd Rs40	650
Harvey and Sabapathy	450	500	500	dvdRs90	645
Hingoli Press Co., Ld.	750	100	100	dvdRs 24	167½
Khangaum	240	450	450	dvd Rs25	495
Mercantile	1,600	125	125	dvd Rs20	80
Mofussil Co.	2,125	400	400	dvd Rs36	525
Munmar M.	1,000	250	all	dv Rs20	245
New Berar	1,250	500	500	dv Rs40	570
New Indian	1,600	125	125	dvd Rs12½	165
Prince of Wales	600	500	500	dv Rs30½	445
Sind and Punjab Co.	100	1,000	1,000	dvdRs150	420
Sind	400	460	750	dvd Rs20	340
Surat City Press Co., Ld.	87	290	all	16	170
Volkart	450	1,000	1,000	Rs 20	1025

RAILWAY COMPANIES

G. I. P. Railway Consolidated Stock	...	...	...	...	...
BB. & C. I. R. Cg., New Shares	...	...	...	...	...
Ahmedabad Prantej Ry	4,000	500	...	dvdRs12	585
Tapti Valley Ry. Co.	38,000	500	...	dvdRs.9	421 1-4

THE CITY MORTALITY.

The Municipal Office returns for the twenty-four hours ending at 6 a.m. yesterday give the following results:—

Wards.	Plague. Attacks.	Plague. Deaths.	Deaths from all Causes.
A Upper, Middle and Lower Colaba, Fort Northern, Fort Southern and Esplanade	4	1	4
B Mandvi, Chukla, Oomerkhadi and Dongri	7	8	22
C Market, Dhobi Talao, Fanaswady, Bhuleshwar, Khara Talao, and Kumbharwada	11	10	19
D Khetwadi, Girgaum Chowpati, Walkeshwar, and Mahalaxmi	2	2	6
E Mazagon, Tarwady, 2nd Nagpada, Kamatipura, Tardeo, Byculla and 1st Nagpada	15	13	33
F Parel, Sewree and Sion	4	4	8
G Mahim and Worli	12	8	16
Water Division	0	0	0
Non-Resident and Unknown	0	0	0
Hospitals	0	4	14
Total	55	50	122
Total plague deaths to date	260,918	112,879	
Same date last year	40	39	109

THE Government of India have decided to revise the laws and regulations relating to the penal settlement in the Andamans, and Mr. Greevan, Officiating Deputy Secretary, has been placed on special duty in this connection. He visits the island at the end of this month to confer with the Chief Commissioner on the subject.

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COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE

BOMBAY MARKET REPORT.

LONDON, MAY 14.

SECURITIES—			
2¾ per cent. Consols	£92 1/4	—	— 3 16
3 per cent. Rentes	£98	—	— 1-4
3½ per cent. Indian Sterling Loan	£108	—	unchanged
3½ per cent. Indian Enfaced Rupee Paper	£ 65 7/8	—	do
SILVER—			
Spot in London	25	—	+ 1 8
2 months hence	24 1/2	—	+ 1 8
Spot in New York	54 1-8	—	+ 1/8
EXCHANGES—			
Paris cheques	25·16 1/2	—	— 1
Berlin	20·47 3/4	—	— 1/4
New York Demand	4·88	—	unchanged
DISCOUNTS—			
Bank of England	4	pr ct	— unchanged
3 months sight Bank Bills	3 3/8	pr ct	— do
6 "	3 3 8	pr ct	— do
3 months sight Fine Trade Bills	3 7/8	pr ct	— do
6 months sight Fine Trade Bills	3 7/8	pr ct	— do
INTEREST—			
Day to-day loans	1 3/4	pr ct	— do
7 day market loans	3	pr ct	— —1.8

Amount paid into the Bank of England about £100,000.

Extra Council Bills allotments on Bombay Rs. 11,70,000 at 1s. 3 31-32d.

Extra allotments Bills on Madras Rs. 10,000 at 1s. 4d.

Transfer on Calcutta Rs. 300,000 at 1s. 4d.

Sugar.—German granulated 1st Marks 9 13-16. May-June. Dull.

Rapeseed.—Yellow Guzerat 33 1-4 May-June. Sellers, canal.

Rapeseed.—Yellow Cawnpore 35 1-4 May-June. Sellers canal.

Rapeseed.—Yellow Brown 34 1-4 May-June. Sellers, canal. Inter best ady.

Linseed Bold 42 5-8 May-June. Business canal firm.

In Liverpool—

Cotton Market closed steady. Surat quiet. Manchester firm. Total sales 20,000. Spot 6·10 plus 10. Sold on speculation and for Export 5,000. Imports nil. Arrivals closed steady.

May-June.	June-July	July-Aug.	Aug.-Sept.
5·81	5·83	5·80	5 67
+ 9	+ 9	+ 9	+ 10
Sept.-Oct.	**Oct.-Nov.**	**Nov.-Dec.**	**Dec.-Jan.**
5·14	4·89	4·80	4·78
+ 7	+ 4	+ 4	+ 4

Jan.-Feb. 4·77 + 4

In New York—

Receipts at the Port	7,000 bales.
Do. last year	8,000 "
Exports to Great Britain	1,000 "
Do. do. Continent	2,000 "
Mid-Uplands	11·60 + 5
Futures, month of July	10·97 + 9
Do. do. December	8·85 unchanged

In New Orleans—

Spot	11 3-8 + 1-8
Futures, month of August	11·15 + 34
Do. do. November	8·75 + 2
Tone at close	feverish.

Arrivals of Cotton, Wheat and Seeds into Bombay during the 24 hours ending at 6 p.m., on Thursday, 14th May 1903:—

Cotton	9,938	bales.
Wheat	51,826	cwts.
Linseed	14,083	"
Rape, Rai and Mustard seeds	20,391	"
Gingellyseed	7,136	"
Poppyseed	12,344	"
Groundnuts	125	"
Castorseed	5,4'2	"
Rice	2,407	"
Myrabollams	3,312	"
Cottonseed	18,661	"

BOMBAY, FRIDAY, MAY 15.

COTTON.—Extraordinary advance in American Cotton during the past week is unquestionably due to manipulation, and Reuter's reports of the tone of the markets being excited and "feverish" represent the state in which the Home markets must lately have been thrown. But speculation does not necessarily mean increase of trade, and to whatever height bulls may force up prices, it by no means follows that consumers will follow the lead. Spinners on the continent do not respond to the higher range of values, and fresh orders are few and far between unless at considerably under our ruling rates. They can probably afford to wait as they must be well supplied taking into accounts the amount of Surat they have already purchased. Locally business has been on a fairly large scale as Mills have been come out as buyers and are taking up lines of cotton daily. Exporters have been quite but steady purchasers and altogether the bulk of business done during the past week has been considerable. Holders are still firm, but are prepared to meet the demand at current rates, and prices all round are Rs. 4 to 5 higher than they were when the last mail left. Japan has also been in the markets and has taken a fair amount of Cotton. The demand has run as previously on Broach, high class Oomras, Bhownugger and Bengals," and some of the lower grades of Comras have been picked up by local mills. In contracts there has not been much doing as the wild state of the Home markets makes sellers chary of entering into forward business. Good Bhownugger has advanced Rs. 8 per cwt. during the week and should the excitement at Home continue we shall probably see higher values for the settlement on the 25 inst. There has been some rain during the past day or two to several stations in India and Colombo reports it in inches as do also one or two stations on the West coasts, so the prospects of an early monsoon seem more probably than has been the case for some years past.

LINSEED.—Has been very firm and prices have advanced 3 to 4 annas per cwt, during the week. The demand has been good and a steady business has been done at from Rs. 7-3-0 to Rs. 7-7-0. The closing rate is Rs. 7-7-0.

RAPESEED.—Has also been in good demand and rates have advanced during the interval. The prices now ruling are

Brown Cawnpore	Rs. 5 14
Yellow Cawnpore	Rs. 6 1
Yellow Guzerat	Rs. 6 4

and a considerable business is passing.

POPPY SEED.—Owing to speculation the price has advanced to Rs. 6-13-0 to Rs. 6-12-6 but the actual business passing has been moderate.

CASTORSEED.—The market is quiet and business has been done at Rs. 21 to Rs. 21 8.

WHEAT.—There has been a steady demand throughout the week, but values have not altered much and business is now doing at the following rates.

Soft Red Ahmedabad	Rs. 28 8
Club No. 1	" 30 8
Hard red	" 25

FREIGHTS.—The markets during the week has been quiet but steady with only a limited demand. Reliefs have been done to a fair extent for Antwerp Dunkirk and Hull at 13s. 3d. and Hamburg at 14s. and in the Hansa Line at 14s. and measurement 14s. 6d. to 14s. 9d. The "Moristan" has filled up at 14s. The following charter is reported.

"Manchuria" 2 French ports at 12s. 6d. net.

STEAMERS METIS has been chartered for manganese ore, rate unknown.

The following changes occurred in the Bank of Bombay statement, dated compared with the previous week:—

	Rs.	
LIABILITIES.		
Public Deposits	1,22,196	Increase.
Other Deposits	3 20,571	Decrease.
Sundries	79,014	Increase.
ASSETS.		
Government Securities	6,23,855	Decrease.
Other Authorized Securities ...	1,80,875	Increase.
Credits on Securities	6,65,683	Increase.
Loans do.	10,23,244	Increase.
Bills discounted & purchased	7,91,577	Decrease.
Balance with other Banks	1,42,022	Decrease.
Sundries	26,411	Increase.
Cash	4 52,144	Decrease.

The Bank of Bengal weekly statement shows a decrease of 25 lakhs in the Cash balance, the Book rate remaining unchanged a 5 per per annum. The directors of the Bank of Bombay at the weekly meeting held on the 14th inst: increased the official rate by 1 per cent. it now being on a parity with the Bank of Madras rate, viz., 7 per cent. per annum. The weekly statement of the latter Bank shows the Cash balance to be 9 1-2 lakhs down, and the Bank rate unchanged as above.

The mail of the 1st May from London brings £1,000,000 silver £20,000 gold and the following Council Bills:—

Calcutta	Rs. 19,40,000
Bombay	" 23,70,000
Madras	" 9,90,000
	Rs. 53,00,000

The mail of the 8th May brings the following Council Bills:—

Calcutta	Rs. 10,80,000
Bombay	" 10,30,000
Madras	" 9,10,000
	Rs. 30 20,000

The mail of the 15th May brings the following Council Bills:—

Calcutta	Rs. 30,000
Bombay	" 16,50,000
Madras	" 90,000
	Rs. 17,60,000

At the weekly allotment last Wednesday only a small amount was taken in Bills at 1s. 3 21-32d. Telegraphic Transfers were taken at 1s. 4d. to the extent of 24 lakhs. The minimum rate received full. Extra transfers were allotted to the extent of 5 lakhs at 1s. 4d. and extra allotments of Bills to 5·10 lakhs at 1s. 3 31-32d.

EXCHANGE.—The market has been firm throughout the week and Bank demand has been obtainable at 1s. 4d. although not always quoted. Bills have been scarce for all deliveries but had the rate yielded 1-32d. there would have been a good supply. Council Bills were sold at 1s. 3 31-32d. to a small extent but the applications at 1s. 3 16-16d. were large. Telegraphic remittances at 1s. 4d. were taken to some extent. Merchants respond to the firmness very slowly but it looks as if buyers would eventually were in the struggle. Money has improved in value and the Bank of Bombay unexpectedly raised its rate from 6 to 7 per cent. on Thursday. Calcutta is content with a five per cent. Bank rate. The market closes very firm, 1s. 4d. Telegraph Transfers and demand are freely offering for near delivery Bills are still scarce.

GOVERNMENT PAPER.—The rupee market has been quite owing to the scarcity in the money market. Only a limited business has been doing in the absence of operators. We close at Rs. 98-12 ready and Rs. 98-13 for June and July settlements.

	Repayable.	Rate
4 per cent Bombay Port Trust	... 1923	101 1-2
4 per cent " "	... 1930	101 1-2
4 per cent " "	... 1932	101-12
4 per cent Bombay Municipal	... 1923	100
4 per cent " "	... 1940	101
5 per cent " "	... Tansa	116
5 per cent " "	... Sanitary	115
4 per cent Bo. Impvmt Trust	... 1959	100 1-2
4 per cent " "	... 1963	101-8

Prices of Bullion:—

English Bar Silver, ex duty, ready	Rs. 64-12
Do. do. 1st Settlement	Rs. 64-12
Do. do. 2nd do.	Rs. 64-10
English Bar Gold, ready	Rs. 24-2-3

The market has been fluctuating and as the Banks have not been selling, only a limited business has been done during the week. The Up-Country demand has fallen off lately. A fair business has been doing in Australian Gold.

PIECE-GOODS.—The market continues steady. There has been a fair demand during the week both for greys and white. Clearances are also on a fair scale but rates remain the same with the exception of Pepperill Drill shirtings No. 1500, where prices have given up by two to two and a half annas per piece. Business generally is not possible owing to the higher prices quoted by manchester, has been a better feeling in the Bazar as buyers seem hope of the futures. The yarn market during the past week has shewn considerable activity. Large sales have been made at higher rates and we close firm at the highest prices of the week, Between 15000 and 20000 bales have changed hand.

METALS.—There has been an improvement in the Market for Copper and Yellow Metal and dealers have brought Yellow Metal Sheets at £58 per ton and a few bundles of Copper Sheets at £70. Spelter is steady and a small business is reported. The Iron and Steel Markets continue dull and overstocked and the Engineers is limited.

COALS.—The market is weak. Business is reported at Rs. 10-8 for Heilers Standard May shipment and at Rs. 10-8 for Jerdie last May-June shipment.

The arrivals of coal from Calcutta during the past fortnight have been heavy.

SHARES.—The market is steady since our last report. Bank of Bombay have changed hands at Rs. 1,295 during the week. In Mill Shares, Centras are quiet at Rs. 1,585 X.D. and Swadeshis have changed hands at Rs. 702 1-2 X.D. Colaba Land and Mill shares are quiet at Rs. 390. Chinas have advanced to Rs. 520, Currimbhoys and Davidson unchanged at Rs. 5.0 and Rs. 245, respectively. Jamsheds are reported to have changed hands at Rs. 72 1-2. Manockji Petits had advanced to Rs. 2,80 with dividend and bonus and again they have closed at Rs. 2,105 for June settlement. Morarjees have changed hands at Rs. 15 1-5 X.D and Solapurs are unchanged and quiet at Rs. 1,710 X.D, Kohinoors are steady at Rs. 302 1-2 while Soonderdas mill shares have changed hands at Rs. 100. In Railway Companies Tapti Valley have declined to Rs. 421 1-4 X. D. and Ahmedabad Prantij are quiet at Rs. 615 X. D. In Press Shares Mofussils have advanced to Rs. 525. New Berars are unchanged at Rs. 565 1-2, New Indians have changed hands at Rs. 163 3-4, Harvey and Sabapathy at Rs. 645, Hingolees at Rs. 167 1-2, Mnnwar Press Shares have improved to Rs. 245. In miscellaneous list stocks are steady at Rs. 255. Bombay Burmas are steady at Rs. 6,450, Badham Piles, at Rs. 160, Kemps at Rs. 246, Life have at Rs. 1—X D—Treachers are unchanged at Rs. 620 Port Cannings are steady at Rs. 440, Bombay Telephones have changed hands at Rs. 23 3-4.

The rest are unchanged.

EXCHANGE.—Tone firm.

Bank T. T.				1s. 3 31-32d. to 1s. 4d.
Bank Demand				1s. 4d.
Credit Bills 3 Months Sight D. A.				1s. 4 3-16d. to 7-32d.
Do	6	do	do	1s 4 5-16d. to 11-32d.
French Francs	3	do	do	170 to 170 1-4.
Marks	3	do	do	138 1-4
Hongkong	30	Days' Sight		126
Shanghai	30	do	do	176
Japan	30	do	do	151 1-2

GOVERNMENT PAPER—3 1-2 per cent. Tone quiet,

Cash	Rs. 98-12
1st Settlement	Rs. 98-13
2nd do.	Rs. 98-13

Money Market—Tone firm.

BANK RATE—

Bank of England since 21st October	4 per cent.
Bank of Bombay do. 14th May	7 do.
Bank of Bengal do. 21st April	5 do.
Bank of Madras do. 21st April	7 do.

SEEDS.

	Rs	a.	
Linseed.—Tone steady.			
Ready	7	7	
Rapeseed.—Tone firm.			
Brown Cawnpore Ready ...	5	14	
Yellow Cawnpore, Ready ...	6	1	
Yellow Guzerat Ready ...	6	4	
Poppyseed.—Tone firm.			
Ready ...	6	13	6
Castorseed—Tone quiet.			
Ready	21	8	

WHEAT—Tone steady.

Soft Red Ahmedabad	Rs. 28	8	0
Club No. 1............	Rs. 30	4	0
Hard red............	Rs. 25	8	0

Official quotations of the Bombay Cotton Trade Association Limited:—

Growths	Fine	F.-G.	Good		
Bengals H. G. (Ry. terms)	180	178	163	25	May.
Bengals M.G. (Ry. terms)	190	181	...		do
Sind-Punjab (M. G.)	188	179	...		do
Belaul M. G	192	184	...		do
Khandesh M. G.	...	180	172		do
Akola M. G. Khamgaum do Karanja do	196	187	...		do
Damangaum Poolgaum M.G.	201	193	...		do
Nagpur M. G.	201	193	...		do
Broach do	245	238	..		do
Bhownugger do	223	214	...		do
Do H. G.	217	208	199		do
S.-G. Dharwar	...	...	235		do
Westerns	...	...	214		do

LIVERPOOL OPENING TELEGRAM.

Tone	Easier.
Estimated sales	15,000
Total imports	

May.-June	June.-July	July-Aug.	Aug.-Sept.
5·84	5·82	5·80	5·65
			—1
Sept.-Oct.	**Oct.-Nov.**	**Nov.-Dec.**	**Dec.-Jan.**
5·13	4·89	4·80	4·73
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COTTON—Tone fair. A moderate business is passing at current rates.

COTTON STATISTICS.

	Bales.
Receipts for the week	61,961
Receipts from 1st Oct. to 14th May	20,44,393
Shipments for the week, to Europe...	29,516
Do. China, Japan, and Coast Ports	Nil.
Total......	29,516
Shipments from 1st October to 14th May.	
Europe	7,03,820
Japan	2,25,129
China	15,942
Coast Ports	8,503
Total	9,53,394
Afloat in Harbour for Europe	22,237
China, Japan and Coast Ports	5,091

Week's Receipts of Cotton, Wheat and Seed.

Cotton	61,961	bales
Wheat	2,75,873	cwts
Linseed	1,57,414	"
Rape, Rai and Mustard Seed...	1.49 417	"
Gingellyseed	32,672	"
Poppyseed	65,205	"
Groundnuts	1,451	"
Casterseed	31,943	"
Rice	83 058	"
Myrabollams	25,055	"
Cottonseed	69,404	"

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL NEWS.

LONDON, MAY 14.

The Liverpool Cotton Market closed steady.

Surats quiet.

Good Bhownugger............	4 8·32
The Manchester Market has been firm.	
2 3-4 per cent. Consols............	92 1-4
3 per cent Rentes	98
3 1-2 per cent. Sterling Loan	108
3 1-2 per cent. Rupee Papers.........	65 7-8
Bar Silver	24 1-2

The sum of about £100,000 has been paid into the Bank of England

The Bank of England returns for the week ending yesterday show the following results:—Total Bullion £35,400,000, Public deposit £7,100,000, decrease £600,000; Other deposits £39,100,000, increase £20,000,000; Other Securities £44,500,000; increase £18,900,000 Notes and Gold £24,800,000 increase £800,000; The Bank's Reserve is 37 per cent. of the Liabilities.

AT a recent meeting of the British Empire League, Lord Avebury suggested the formation of a Colonial Council in London on the model of the Council that advises the Secretary of State for India. Sir Edmund Barton, the Prime Minister of the Commonwealth, says, a similar suggestion was made by Mr. Chamberlain during the Conference of Colonial Premiers at Coronation time, but the idea was not approved. Sir Edmund is still of opinion that the time is not yet ripe for calling such a consultative and advisory body into existence.

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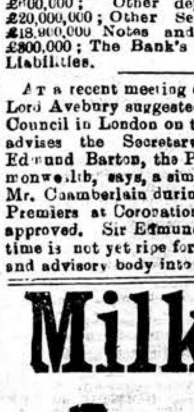

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IN MEMORIAM.

HERBERT—May 16th, 1902, at Lautoka, Fiji, Alfred James Herbert (Fred.), aged 27 years, late of Bombay.

Had we but seen him still in life,
And watched his dying bed;
Caught the last flickering of his breath,
Pillowed his dying head,
Our hearts, we think, would not have felt
The bitterness of grief;
But GOD has willed it otherwise,
And now he rests in peace.

Inserted by his loving Parents and Sisters.

BOMBAY.
DEATH.

SHRIPAD—May 15, at his residence, near Tram Terminus, Girgaum, the eldest son of Babajee Dadoba and grandson of the late Rao Bahadur Dadoba Pandurung.

EUROPE.
BIRTHS.

ALCOCK—April 21, at Westbourne Gardens, Glasgow, wife of W O Alcock, I C S, of a daughter.

MOLYNEAUX-SEEL—April 23, at Lynedoch Place, Edinburgh, wife of Major E Molyneaux-Seel, the Royal Scots, of a daughter.

RICE—April 21, at Trevor Terrace, London Road, Reading, wife of B A Rice, 32nd Goorkha Rifles of a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

BARTLETT—LAMBERT—April 23, at Malvern Priory Church, Rev H H M Bartlett M A, senior curate of Great Malvern, to Ida Mary, daughter of the late Sir H E F Lambert, Bart.

CARLTON—HARTLEY—April 23, at the Parish Church, Mitcham, H D Carlton, the Royal Scots, to Ethel Marion, daughter of the late J F Hartley.

CHOLMELEY—SIBTHORP—April 18, at All Saint's Church Canwick, M A R Cholmeley, son of Sir H and Lady Cholmeley, to Mabel Janetta, daughter of Mr and Mrs. M W Sibthorp.

DAY—MANNERS SMITH—April 23, at St Nicholas's Church, Brighton, W L M Day, M B, to Gertrude Kate Manners Smith, daughter of the late Surg-Gen C Manners Smith, Indian Medical Service.

HARTER—WORTHY—April 23, at Christ Church Epsom Capt O B Harter, 1st Durham Light Inf (68th), to Muriel, daughter of the Rev E W Northey.

HUNT—MAGNIAC—April 21, at St Paul's Church, Clifton, F J H, son of W C H Hunt, to Clara Cecil, daughter of the late General Magnia, Indian Staff Corps.

KNOX—GORDON—April 23, at Ferring Church, near Worthing A, son of H G A Knox of Sonning Berks, to Constance Evelyn, daughter of the late Col C V Gordon, Madras Staff Corps.

DEATHS.

FURLONG—April 26, W J Forlong, Captain Bengal Staff Corps (retired) aged 68.

HARRISON—April 25, at Hove, Major-General T B Harrison, late Bengal Staff Corps, aged 75.

WILLOCK—April 26, at Western House, Tunbridge Wells, H D Willock, J P, of Queen Anne's Mansions, Westminster, Bengal Civil Service (retired) late senior judge of the North-Western Provinces, India, son of the late Sir H Willock, K L S, aged 75.

YATES—May 2, at Lansdowne Place, Hove, Ada Maria, daughter of the late Capt C Yates, of the Nizam Cavalry Contingent.

OTHER PRESIDENCIES.
BIRTHS.

BELCHER—May 10, at Jhansi, the wife of W E G Belcher, Executive Engineer, of a daughter.

SHERER—May 10, at Dalhousie, the wife of Captain J C Sherer, 3rd Punjab Cavalry, of a daughter.

DEATH.

TAYLOR—May 10, at Mussoorie, Violet, the infant daughter of Mr and Mrs Harold B Taylor, aged 17 months and 6 days.

BOMBAY.

TO-DAY.

Sun rises. 5h. 26m. Sun sets. 6h. 27m. High water, 1-53m., 2-45a. Low water, 7-42m., 8-41a. Royal Bombay Yacht Club races.

TO-MORROW

Sun rises, 5h. 25m. Sun sets, 6h. 27m. High water, 2-34m., 3-19a, Low water, 8-9m., 9-24.

ARRIVAL OF PILGRIMS.—The steamer Shahnoor, which arrived in harbour yesterday from Jeddah brought 957 Pilgrims.

POSTAL NOTICE.—Mails for Natal, Cape Colony, Delagoa Bay and other places in South Africa per extra s. s. Umlazi, via Tuticorin and Colombo, will be closed at the General Post Office at 7 p. m., on the 18th instant.

ACCIDENT TO A TODDY-DRAWER.—On Thursday while Premla Mukun, a toddydrawer, aged 35, was climbing a date tree on the Antop Hill, the tree broke and he fell a distance of about 20 feet to the ground and hurt his spine. He was removed to the J. J. Hospital were he has been detained for treatment.

A FALL FROM A WINDOW.—In the Bombay Floor mill on Thursday, Naru Gopal, a muccadum, while sitting on the sill of a window on the second floor, accidentally fell a distance of about 25 feet to the ground, sustaining serious internal injuries. He was removed to the J. J. Hospital for treatment. It is stated that Naru was addicted to opium.

MUNICIPAL BYE-ELECTION.—A casual vacancy having occurred in the representation of the Fort Ward by the death of Mr. K. M. Saroff, the following nominations of candidates were received at the Municipal office up to 5 p. m., yesterday:—Mr. Nanabhai Nasarwanjee Saher and Dr. Burjorjee Sorabjee Shroff. This being a contested election the Commissioner has fixed the 22nd instant for a poll.

THE JIVRAJ BALLOO SPINNING AND WEAVING COMPANY.—An ordinary general meeting of shareholders of the company was held yesterday at the registered office, Hornby Road, Mr. Naranjee Dwarkadas, chairman of the board, presiding. The director's report has already been published. The recommendation made by the directors in their report were carried out; and the proceedings closed with the customary compliment to the chairman.

ASSAULT BY A PRISONER.—Yesterday morning at the Mazagaon Police Court, Bombay, before Mr. J. W. S. Dracup, Acting Third Presidency Magistrate, Karson Nundram, a convict undergoing imprisonment in the House of Correction, was charged with causing grievous hurt to his fellow prisoner Raghu Genu. It appeared that on the 22nd April while the complainant was in the jail cook-house, the accused had an altercation with him. Eventually he picked up a zinc pot and a bucket and went on dealing blows on his head causing seven wounds. The complainant was treated in the jail hospital for twenty-one days. The hearing was adjourned.

KIDNAPPING AND ROBBERY.—Before Mr. J. W. S. Dracup at the Mazagaon Police Court yesterday, Hari Bayaji, a Hindu, was charged with kidnapping Talbai, a Hindu girl five years old, from her house in Kamatipura, on Wednesday and robbing her of her ornaments of the value of Rs. 12. It appeared from the evidence that the accused had taken the girl to Chowpatee where he removed the ornaments from her person. Information was given to the police who restored the girl to her parents and arrested the accused yesterday. The accused pleaded guilty to the charge and admitted one previous conviction. The Magistrate sentenced him to six months' rigorous imprisonment. The accused was further charged with robbing Luxmon Gopal, a Hindu lad, of his ornaments and was convicted and sentenced to a further term of six months' rigorous imprisonment.

NOTES FROM AHMEDABAD.—Our correspondent at Ahmedabad, writing on the 13th instant says:—The summer has set in in right earnest and the plague has disappeared with it. The total mortality returns have also fallen and the daily returns vary between 25 and 30. The new President R. B. Motilal Lalbhai has taken charge and seems to be working enthusiastically. The councillers and the people feel satisfied with his attitude and zeal for work. Professor Bhulabhai of the local college intends going up for the Advocate's examination of the Bombay High Court, and the College board has been pleased to sanction his leave. There are a number of candidates for the post, among whom are Messrs. P. A. Wadia, M. A., N. D. Kavi, M. A., Hon. Gosalia of the Elphinstone College Bombay. Application are invited by the College Board. The exact date of the election for the candidate for the seat in the Legislative Council for the Northern Division Municipalities is not yet fixed, but both Dewan Bahadur Ambalal and the Hon. Mr. Patckli seem to be working hard here, Ahmedabad generally decides the turn of the election, but this year the contest may prove severer than ever since the Local Municipality would favour the new candidate as far as it could be judged from present situation.

CLARK'S CIVIL SERVICE COLLEGE ACCOUNTANCY EXAMINATION.—An examination in Book-keeping and accounts of the Clerk's Civil Service College of London was held at Bombay and Ahmedabad under the Supervision of Mr. P. S. Kharegat, J. P., and Divan Bahadur Ambalal Saker at respectively, Mr. Sapurji Bomanji Billimoria, the local secretary for the Examination Board received by yesterday's Mail, the following results whereat 28 candidates are declared successful.—First Class Honours. Nadershaw Hormasji Bamboat and Ardeshir Cowasji H. Patel.—Second Class. Sarab Hormasji Dastur, Meherji Rana, Burzorji Bejanji Talaty Burzor Ruttonji Bomonji, Pestonji Ardeshir Jehangir Wadia, Jaseklal Gopalbhai Mehta, Ardeshir Eduljli Bengalee, Jaldger R. Bapsa, Pareh Amratlal Virpal, Varjilal Kuetsey Vora.—Third Class. Hormasji Fardoonji Mago!, Adebad Bejanji Rustomji, Julius F. Castellino, Raghunath Kashinath Mahire, Joseph Felix Lisa, Dorawalla Byramji Cowasji, Chandulal Himatlal, Engineer, Dayabhai Lallubhai Desai, Rahamin Joseph Ezekiel, Shavakshah Bomanji Chokey, Ratanchand Papurchand Kothari, Hormasji Cursetji Amrigar, Adeshir Khershedji Vesarewalla, Jekisondas Gorrandas Mehta, Harsadrai Dayabhay Mehta, Lilaverial Mugatlal Majumdar, Chunilal Dalpatram Shukla.

DEATH OF DR. MISS AIMAI JAMSHEDJI TREASURYVALA.—The death is announced of Dr. Miss Treasuryvala on Wednesday evening at her residence in Khetwadi Main Road. She was one of the few ladies who had qualified themselves for the medical profession, Though she did not possess the diploma L-M, & S. degree, yet she was admitted as a student in the class that was opened for unmatriculated girls in the Grant Medical College and after four years' study of medicine she successfully passed in September 1888 her final examination. She then followed her profession as a private practitioner in Bombay. In the second year of her practice she was called by His Highness the Maharajah of Jaypore for treating Her Highness Maharani Jaleji Saheb for some difficult internal malady. The successful treatment of this high personage raised her in public estimation. Soon after this she was called to attend on the Rani Saheb of Katch Bhuj the daughter of Sirdar Jalamsingji, who had been suffering for some time previously from an internal ailment. The lady doctor remained in attendance for nearly three weeks, by which time her royal patient had completely recovered. Her practice in Bombay steadily increased, and in December 1899 she proceeded to England with the view of acquiring further knowledge in the medical line. After studying for a year she obtained in November 1900 a diploma of L. R. C. P. of the Dublin University as well as that of L. R. C. S. and M. D. of Brussels and returned to Bombay in December 1900. Here she had very extensive and lucrative practice.

DISOBEDIENCE OF POLICE ORDERS.

Before Mr. Sanders Slater at the Esplanade Police Court yesterday, Ali Mahomed, Juma, and Badla Bhola, drivers in the Transport department, were charged with causing obstruction in the road and not obeying the orders of the police when told to move on, and driving on the night of the 6th instant without lights. It appeared the accused were in charge of two transport carts at the Victoria Terminus. When told to move on they would not, and persisted in causing obstruction. They refused to give their names when demanded. They carried no lights, and for about an hour they were refractory; and with great difficulty Inspector Walker succeeded in getting their names.

The accused said they were under the orders of a Sergeant. When the police ordered them to move on, the sergeant said "don't." They were between two fires and did not know whom to obey. Their carts were not without lights; they had one light between them.

Bisheshar Bhajanlal, a native police constable, said one of the carts contained baggage, while in the other were two women. When the accused refused to listen to him and said he was not their officer, he called the havildar, and when they did not mind him, the jemadar came, and lastly Inspector Walker. The Inspector said unless they gave their names, neither they nor their carts would be allowed to proceed. It was then only that the accused gave their names. When the havildar came, the accused were not on their carts; they were at the station.

The second accused said they had gone to the station to get a receipt from the sergeant.

The first accused, in answer to the court, said, they had no witnesses. They were beaten by the police.

The magistrate said, it was untrue, a Sergeant had told the accused not to obey police orders. They had caused obstruction and disobeyed the orders of the police. They were fined ten rupees each.

ALLEGED CRUELTY TO POULTRY.

ABDUL KADAR MAHOMED, a trader in poultry was charged before Mr. Sander's Slater yesterday with overcrowding 79 fouls in a basket, thereby causing them cruelty. Mr. Sorabshaw B. Kapadia defended the accused.

Mr. Kapadia said the fowls were consigned by one Kutub Sahb from Saidapur, and accused was not present at the shop when the coolies arrived with the basket. The coolie was waiting to have the receipt signed. Meanwhile, the Deputy Commissioner of Police, Mr. Lambert, came up and made enquiries. The pleader submitted that, for the fault of the servant, the master, the defendant, could not be held responsible.

Inspector Hamilton told the magistrate the Deputy Commission had been going the round of the markets and warning the dealers against causing cruelty to the birds by overcrowding. The dealers, however, remained obdurate. In this case the birds were kept confined in the basket for nearly two hours after arrival.

Mr. Kapadia expressed his surprise that, if that were so, not one of them died.

Inspector Hamilton: But some were fighting on top of others.

Mr. Kapadia: They must be male birds; Cocks will fight despite any amount of space given. (A laugh.)

The magistrate: And not infrequently the females when they are so disposed (A laugh.)

The accused was warned and discharged, and told to inform other traders in birds that, after a long journey, it was necessary to relieve the fowls from confinement and give them fresh air.

THE WEATHER.

OBSERVATIONS TAKEN AT 8 A.M. ON FRIDAY, THE 15TH MAY.

SUMMARY.

Pressure.—With the exception of a brisk fall at Secunderabad, Nagpur and Jubalpore, pressure changes have been small and irregular. Pressure is still unusually high in the north-west.

Winds are variable in direction and the force has been moderate to light.

Temperature.—Variations from normal remain much the same as yesterday. The maximum varied from 110° at Deesa to 84° at Veraval and the minimum from 68° at Bangalore to 83° at Karachi.

Cloud and Humidity.—The sky is cloudy to overcast in most places in the south. Humidity changes are irregular.

Rain.—Heavy rain has fallen at Trichinopoly (2·83) over an inch and a half at Colombo (1·58), and light to moderate showers at Cuddapah, Bellary, Bangalore, Calicut, Mangalore, Karwar, Malegaon, Hoshangabad and Jaipur.

Weather still remains more or less cloudy over the country to the south of Latitude 20° and thunderstorms have occurred in very many places.

Correction.—In yesterday's report, last paragraph for "unusually low in the north-west" read "unusually high in the north-west."

E. A. KENYON,
Meteorological Reporter for Western India.

METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS.

GOVERNMENT OBSERVATORY, COLABA.

Bombay, 14th May, 1903.

Means of observations taken at 6 a.m., 10 a.m., 2 p.m., 4 p.m., and 10 p.m.

Barometer corrected 32 dex. Fah. ....inches	29·776
Temperature of the Air ....degrees	85·0
Wet Bulb Thermometer	78·3
Dew Point............	76·0
Relative humidity of Air............	0·748
Extent of cloudy sky (the whole sky clouded=10)	5·6
Maximum temperature of air (read at 8 a.m.) next day ....degrees	91·8
Minimum do. do. (read at 8 a.m.)............	80·7
General Directions of wind.*	NNW, SW, WSW, W, WNW, NW.
Movement of Wind in 24 hours* ....(miles)	197

*From midnight to midnight.

N. A. F. MOOS,
Director, Government Observatory.

THERMOMETER READINGS.

THURSDAY NIGHT—MAY 11.

10 p.m.	81·8

TUESDAY—MAY 11.

6 a.m.	79·4
10 a.m.	85·6
2 p.m.	87·8
4 p.m.	88·8

PASSANGERS PER S. S. CAPRI.

THE Florio-Rubattino Coy's S. S. Capri, Cap G. Belsito, will sail this morning for Singapore and Hong-Kong. The medical inspection for saloon passengers will take place at Victoria Dock No. 8 Shed at 10-30 a. m. sharp. The following is the list of cabin passengers:—Right Reverend Paolino Bishop of Macao, Rev. Da Costa, Rev. De Sima Mr. F. Mayor, Mr. E. Merret Mr. MacKee and Mr. Salleybhoy.

THE BOMBAY GAZETTE OVERLAND SUMMARY.

(Compiled for despatch by the Weekly Mail to Europe.)

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SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE

*The steamer Pondo, 1747 tons, Captain W B Renwicke, sailed yesterday, for Hamburg with a general cargo.

The steamer Shahnoor, 2193 tons, Captain F J Raffin, arrived in harbour yesterday, from Jeddah 4th April, with 957 pilgrims as passengers.

The steamer Kurdistan, 1929 tons, Captain F Smith, arrived in harbour yesterday, from Sydney, via Trincomali, in ballast.

The Austrian Lloyd's S N Co's steamer Capri, 2717 tons, Captain G Belsito, will sail to-day, for Hongkong with a general cargo and 8 cabin and 32 deck passengers.

The steamer Kirkee, 2275 tons Captain W J Dermody, arrived in harbour yesterday, from Rangoon, 3rd May, with a cargo of rice.

The B I S N Co's steamer Dwarka, 753 tons, Captain W H Rothwell, sailed yesterday, for Karachi, with a general cargo and the following passengers—Mr Cadell, Mrs Wyse, and 75 deck.

The City Line steamer, City of Lucknow, 2379 tons, Captain R S Miller, arrived in harbour yesterday, from Liverpool, 9th April, with a general cargo and Mr Lawrence as a passenger.

MEN-OF-WAR AND ROYAL INDIAN MARINE SHIPS.

IN GOVT. DOCKYARD.

R I M S Clive	Comdr Hewett	R I Marine
R I M S Lawrence	Comdr McArthur	R I M
H M S Magdala		Turret-ship
H M S Abyssinia		Turret-ship
Investigator	Comdr T H Heming	R I M
Tenasserim		Receiving Hulk
Torpedo Boat No. 100		
Do No 102		
Do No 103		

IN THE STREAM.

R I M S Dalhousie	Comdr Warden	R I M

VESSELS IN THE HARBOUR.—MAY 15.

Vessel.	Ton.	Capt.	Destination	Date.	Agent.
Carthage	2393	Jephson			P & O Co
Ranee	3614	Corran			T M & Co
Okara	3550	Sharp			M M & Co
Landaura	2157	Butler			M M & Co
James Brand	2572	Francis			W & A G & Co
Simla	1039	Souter			E Tajbhoy
Deutschland bq	768	Nacoda			The Captain
Hoseinee	999	D'Lorne	P Gulf	23-4	B & P S N Co
Kangra	1478	Watson			M M & Co
Parramatta	4261	Roberts			P & O Co
Bombay	2019	Chapman			J M & Co
Eden (ship)	444	Danl			The Captain
Ellora	1491	Forbes			M M & Co
Idar	2395	Milne			K K & Co
Granley Hall	2585	Hann			E. & Co
Colaba	1108	Graham			M M & Co
Chindwara	1501	MacLean			M M & Co
Ganges	2721	Walker			W & A G & Co
Mazagon	3289	Phillips			P & O Co
Shirley	2198	Satchell			Bombay Co
Kt of St George	2966	Hicks			T M & Co
Mars	2497	Curtis			The Captain
Kapurthala	[illegible]	Tronson			M M & Co
Terrier	1008	Brunn			K Steuart & Co
Sangola	3323	Jacobs			M M & Co
Electra		Sparks			E T Company
Itaura	3363	Babb	Calcutta	14-5	M M & Co
Simoon	2379	Collins			K N & Co
Nizam	2041	Bullen			T M & Co
Zillah	3779	Rees			T M & Co
Bengali	3819	Bannatyne			T M & Co
Spithead	3193	Stewart			The Captain
Shira	3355	Hartley			M M & Co
Provan	2500	Vasey			
Shahnoor	2193	Raffin			E Tajbhoy
India	4181	Vibert			P & O S N Co
Trieste	3205	Mecozzi			A S N Co
City of Lucknow	2379	Miller			K Nixon & Co
Kurdistan	1929	Smith			
Kirkee	2275	Dermody			

VESSELS IN DOCKS.

PRINCE'S DOCK.

Shed.	Vessel.	Ton.	Capt.	Destination	Date.	Agent.
A	Elswick Hall	2158	Cripsey	Antwerp	18-5	J M & Co
B	Ballaarat	2890	Summers	Stream	15-5	P & O Co
C	Dido	3127	Pickering	Hull	18-5	F M & Co
D	Scalda	3328	Macintyre	Hamburg	18-5	M M & Co
F	Neidenfels	3502	Fittigen	Karachi	22-5	Glade & Co
G	Nader	1168	Little	R S Ports	18-5	B & P S Co
H	Hiroshima Maru	3282	Nagao	Japan	22-5	N Y Kaisha
L	Akbar	1440	Baldwin	Mauritius	23-5	H C Joonus
M	Muristan	1736	Moore	Hamburg	21-5	J M & Co
N	Mettis	2167	Marshall,	Fleetwood	20-5	W&AG&Co
P	Hermiston	2800	Bain	Baltimore	16 5	R A Willis
Q	Dovedale	1851	Goodwin	Marseilles	23-5	W&A G&Co

HARBOUR WALL.

Vessel.	Ton.	Capt.	Destination	Date.	Agent.
Indravati	513	Mahomed	Karachi	16-5	Shepd & Co
Bahaduri	829	Fukeera	Mangalore	15-5	Do

VICTORIA DOCK.

Shed.	Vessel.	Ton.	Capt.	Destination.	Date.	Agent.
1	Britannia	1769	Turner	L'pool	16-5	W & A G & Co
2	Clan Maclean	1436	Fisher			F M & Co
3	D Balduino	3944	Canepa	Genoa	15-5	R R S N Co
4	Capri	2718	Belsito	China	16-5	F Crocco
5	Bullmouth	2677	Stratton	Genoa		W & A G & Co
6	Salfordia	2365	Crisp	London	20-5	W & A G & Co
8	F Ferdinand	3843	Martinolich	Trieste	17-5	A L S N Co
9	Aston Hall	2322	MacFee	Liverpool	15-5	K N & Co
10&11	Massilia	2744	Cockman	China	20-5	P & O Co
12	Caledonia	3529	Gordon	London	16-5	P & O Co
14	Goalpara	1359	Cole	P Gulf	19-5	M M & Co
15	Lonsdale	2593	Lee	Port Said	23-5	M M & Co
16	Eiffel Tower	2063	Case	Liverpool	16-5	W & A G & Co

MEREWEATHER DRY DOCK.

Vessel.	Ton.	Capt.	Destination	Date.	Agent.
Nevasa	1945	Tyrrell	Aden	25-5	M M & Co

ARRIVALS.

May.	Vessel.	Commander.	From
15	Shahnoor s	Raffin	Jeddah April 4
	India s	Vibert	London April 24
	Trieste s	Mecozzi	Trieste April 23
	City of Lucknow s.	Miller	Liverpool April 9
	Kurdistan s	Smith	Sydney March 19
	Kirkiee s	Dermody	Rangoon May 3

DEPARTURES.

May.	Vessel.	Commander.	Destination.
15	Shirley s	Satchell	Calcutta
	Aston Hall s	McFee	Liverpool
	Dco Balduino s	Canepa	Genoa
	Dwarka s	Rothwell	Karachi
	Pondo s	Renwicke	Hamburg

The steamer Capri, Captain Belsito, obtained her port clearance yesterday, for Hongkong.

The following vessels entered for loading yesterday:—
Steamer Neidenfels, for Hamburg &c.
" Nevosa, for Zanzibar &c.

MADRAS.

ARRIVAL.

Jan.	Vessels.	Arrived from
1	Kibo..m	Calcutta
13	Scindia	Bombay
13	Purnea	Rangoon

(REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.)

STEAMER MOVEMENT.

LIVERPOOL, MAY 14.

Clan Line steamer Clan Campbell, left here this morning.

DAILY EXPORTS.—MAY 15.

FOR LIVERPOOL.

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Aston Hall s—400 cwt myrabolans H Anandrao and Co

FOR LONDON.

Salfordia s—150 bales hemp Kiddle Reeve and Co; 50 cwt block orpiment, and 18 cwt cardamom seed S Premjee 100 bales hemp Purshotam Bhimj

FOR DUNKIRK.

Idar s—110 bales cottons and 6001 cwt rapeseed Forbes Forbes and Co; 1000 cwt linseed Dharsee Nanjee and Co;
Scalda s—2000 cwt linseed 8000 cwt wheats Waghjee Bechur 800 cwt wheat Tata and Co; 4017 cwt linseed Ralli Brothers.

FOR ANTWERP.

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SQUADRON ORDERS.

Bombay, 16th May.

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By Order,
T. W. CUFFE, Capt.,
Commanding B. L. H.

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MAY 15.

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Cable Cayenne Pinheiros interrupted.
Cable Puerto Plata Martinique interrupted.
Cables Dominique Martinique, St. Lucia Martinique Guadaloupe Martinique, St. Lucia, St. Vincent, interrupted.
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Code addresses should not be used.
Telegrams for Dominica are subject to censorship.
Telegrams in Code may be accepted for Crete but those in cipher language are not admitted.
Cable New York, Haiti interrupted.
Military Telegraph line erected between Berbera and Bohotle in British Somaliland there is no line between Aden and Bihendula.
Telegrams will pass over the gap by best means available They are subject to delay and Censorship, and can only be accepted at sender's risk.
Cable St Vincent Grenada interrupted.
Cutting communication with St Vincent and Barbados.
Cables Balikpapan (Borneo) Kwandang (Celebes) and Kwandang Menado (Celebes) also land line Kwandang to Gorontalo opened to international traffic.

Latest dates of Foreign Messages received at Bombay from the United Kingdom during the 24 hours ending at 8 p.m. of the 15th May 1903.

(Difference in Longitude allowed for.)

Via.	Latest Dates. D.	H.	M.	Time occupied in transmission. Hours.	Minutes.
Turkey	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible] a m		[illegible]
Teheran	15	2	25 p m		29
Suez	15	8	50 p m		9

Time occupied in the transmission of messages to Bombay during the 24 hours ending 8 p.m. 15th May 1903.

	Maximum Time H.	M.	Minimum Time H.	M.
From Calcutta	3	17	[illegible]	[illegible]
" Karachi	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
" Madras	1	5	[illegible]	[illegible]

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SATURDAY, MAY 16, 1903.

INDIA WITHOUT THE ENGLISH.

PIERRE LOTI who travelled through India, published recently a new work "India without the English," in which that most poetic and visionary writer gave full play to his imagination on the past, present, and future. Leon Daudet reviews admirably this book in "Le Gaulois," and describes Loti after having visited gigantic temples, towns, both rose-red and white, in whose streets people are dying of hunger; having seen grottos, jungles, and deserts, arriving at Benares at the dwellings of the wise men and the theosophists, who speak with him on Buddhism and Brahmanism, lulling his incessant anxiety excited by such a journey, with words slow and grave and soothing to his heart, for they clothe with reasons the Impenetrable. After the ritualistic dance of the nautch-girls, this austere harmony of old cosmic and philosophic ideas delights him, ideas which reach the souls of these ascetics, transmitted from time immemorial, like the light of planets in a clear night. He loves them, these pious words, even as he loves their silent sisters. Silence, with famine, is the "motif" of this extraordinary book, the silence of stone and crumbling ruins, disturbed only by the hungry cry of the crows, these final conquerors of a land where so many nations, indeed all the races of modern Europe, have swarmed. The solemn silence of history heightened and crystallised by the long night of ages stands stern and threatening like one of these idols with a thousand arms which terrify the traveller. And the traveller is never weary of repeating this single word "Silence" which conveys the stultification of the past, the gloomy sadness of accomplished facts; the forest is silent, full of climbing plants in which the sap is dead and which, like all India, are nothing but the mould, the shell of a life that is past, exhausted by its effort to transmit. The temple is silent in the wood, with its horrible and mute goddess, whose worship barely survives in a few last devotees, as religious scruples attest the departed piety of other days. The tombs have become earth again, but the earth is barren and metempsychosis is arrested. Have souls ceased their transmigration, weary of entering ephemeral bodies? asks this sad poet. He sees amidst yellow withering deserts, where a destroying wind blows, what were once cities return silently to dust, each dwelling sinking on its ruined foundations. What distinguishes town from country is but a heap of worn stones.

Loti, with his keen intention of the psychological moment of things, of the instant when they give out their inmost meaning, prowling round the cemetery of India, loves the twilight hour. It is more tragic than the darkness since it matches in its half-light the agony of this country, race, and climate. It reflects what it enshrouds, and sets down the dying day while it extends its hand to the night. The poet sits by the falling gates of the towns whose names only endure like the last rays of glory. Or else he lingers by the river, which remains as the supreme element of life, but which will, alas! dry up soon, shrinking from fertilizing a cemetery. On the banks of the sacred but stagnant Ganges he sees the body of a beautiful Hindu burnt: "I arrive too late at the place of the dead. A huge pile burns, the pile of the rich man, whence sparks and wild flames rise. She is in the centre, the young girl, and nothing is to be seen of her, nothing but a melancholy foot, only one—with the toes stretched out as if in exquisite pain—its outline showing black against the red light of the fire." I know of nothing, writes Leon Daudet, after Dante, which conveys an impression of horror similar to the beautiful town of red sandstone, described voluptuously, lovingly, by Loti as he described his nautch-girl. We see it rise before us with its palaces and monuments like old faded stuffs, its carved minarets, its polished facades. We feel the warmth of the stones, the perfume of the flowers, scented decoration on the catafalque of the past, we rejoice in a clear sky extended over these soft colours, which blend in it without losing their brilliance. But suddenly an "Aura," an evil and malign influence, turns this pretty dream into a nightmare. "Where two avenues meet from palace and rosy temples, a foreigner, a Frenchman, stops his carriage near a miserable crowd of motionless gaunt spectres, and he stops to put two coins into their inert hands. Then suddenly it is like the resurrection of a tribe of mummies, heads rise from the rags which hide their faces, their eyes look at you, then the skeleton forms stand up. And the stranger, in a minute, is surrounded by a group that might have issued from a cemetery, he is approached, seized by clawing hands already turning to clay, which try to snatch his money from him, whilst the poor eyes are ever asking pardon, thanking, entreating."

One might quote it all. The reviewer in ecstasy seeks in vain in his literary recollections for such a gift of presentation with means so absolutely free from artificial effort. The more he reflects the more he is convinced that the genius of Loti belongs to the gentle insistent nature of a child-like soul, a soul that longs with a direct simplicity for the ideal, in a death-agony as strenuous as that of a Pascal or a Bossuet. The result is a strange contrast, the addition of a funereal experience to the candour of a young sailor, and of a secret fear to a careless and wandering grace; in this book of his diffuseness is involuntary and ideas rise in swarms from a veritable charnel-house of sinister and terrifying sensations, like those flocks of crows which darken the skies of India. A realist of the first order, a distracted and melancholy dreamer join in this artist in mirages, in this mortal freed from illusions who does himself a violence to honour the dead. No wonder we are told that Loti reveals to the world an India that has been seen by none other, for while he describes a country, be it China, be it India, be it France, he reveals much more his own genial sensitive nature than islands slumbering in tropical heat, or the teeming land of Confucius, or little Breton cottages. In dealing with India, as Paul Daudet says, he seems to be pursued by the black goddess that follows every pilgrim, and he seems to hurry on in order to avoid looking back. Close behind him lurks a fatal fever. The words ruin, remains, tomb, crumbling dust, return again and again to his pen, with a persistence as penetrating and as fine as the icy drops of an autumn fog. For this untiring traveller Cythera is ever the sad and gloomy island which Baudelaire sang so grandiosely. Loti is a dreamer, uneasy and unsatisfied, seeking the stability and permanence of the divine idea in the ruins offered by history, in disappearing and buried civilisations. That is the Star which he seeks amid the heavenly hosts. That is the harbour which he longs for, he who has run into so many ports. Of the actual India, its administration, its present well-to-do inhabitants, its millions of working men, its real glories, its works of art and its industries, its organisations, its progress, and its aspirations, Pierre Loti could not be expected to judge, for was he not writing of India without, not with, the English? Therefore his book is like the silhouette of a vanishing face on the page of history.

THE NEW KHARTOUM. KHARTOUM as the objective of the tourist is significant of the change which has been made in the Soudan since the power of the Khalifa was smashed for ever, four years ago. A special correspondent of the "Standard" gives an interesting picture of the new city which has arisen on the site of the old capital and of life as it now exists in Omdurman under the reign of peace and freedom. When the decision to rebuild Khartoum was arrived at it was intended to remove thither all the inhabitants of Omdurman, but the natural convenience of the situation of the Khalifa's capital on the left-bank of the river and at the junction of the two Niles has operated to retain the population there. Omdurman is essentially a Central African city, and it is now recognised that it should remain the native quarter of the capital while the seat of Government is maintained at Khartoum. The city which has arisen there under the hands of the Royal Engineers represents a marvellous transformation from what has been described as the dust heap of three years ago. All along the river front, which is being gradually embanked and walled, runs a well made road. On the site of Gordon's old Palace rises the White Palace, the official residence of the Governor-General of the Soudan, a handsome building set in a lovely garden, says the correspondent. The Palace is flanked by Government offices and residences of Government officials, extending on the one hand to a new and spacious hotel, and on the other to the Gordon College and the British Barracks. That College and that Hotel speak more eloquently of civilisation in the Soudan than a volume of description and panegyric. Gardens and groves of palm trees, acacias, limes, and bananas pleasantly adorn the Government quarter. The town itself is laid out in wide streets and squares behind the area occupied by the public buildings. Close to Gordon's rampart are the Soudanese barracks, and beyond these, outside the new city, are native villages laid out in squares, occupied by various tribes. Road-making and building are everywhere still in progress. The town is already lighted with lamps to a degree much superior to the lighting of many an Egyptian town, and it is expected that among other signs of progress Khartoum will in a few months possess a tramway system. The ubiquitous automobile has already reached the capital of the Soudan, at least one motor wagon having given the "hump" to the camel, which seems destined to have its superiority as the ship of the desert seriously challenged. It will be thus seen that the tourist to Khartoum will not suffer for want of comfortable accommodation suited to his needs, and it is unnecessary to add that it offers a fascinating variety of interest, historical and otherwise, while Omdurman supplies all that can be desired in the way of contrast to the civilization of the new capital. The "Standard's" correspondent describes the railway journey from Cairo as entirely comfortable, and it will be strange therefore if Khartoum does not soon become popular with the crowds who annually take the trip to Egypt as a matter of course.

THE STATE OF PUDUKKOTTAI. THE state of Pudukkotta still maintains its reputation as one of the well governed native States of India. The past year, according to the address of the Dewan at the assembly held on the first of the present month, was in all respects satisfactory. The season was more favourable than in the previous year, and the prices of food grains were consequently easier. There was, moreover, an increase in the area of occupied land, and both the land revenue demand and the amount collected were larger. Another feature that was an evidence of increasing prosperity was a considerable decrease in the number of coercive processes. Another interesting fact to be noticed about the year's finances was the item under the head of irrigation. As a matter of fact this figure is larger than during any previous year with one exception. This increase was due mainly to repairs of existing irrigation tanks, and was probably the best spent money of the whole year. It is gratifying to observe that the State is alive to its duties in this respect. The Dewan in the course of his address alludes to the somewhat anomalous fact that although the State possesses a surplus of nearly eleven lakhs of rupees they are always more or less short of funds. He points out that some reserve of this sort is very necessary to tide over bad seasons, or perhaps a succession of them, for which they must be prepared at any time in view of the fact that the prosperity of the State depends so largely upon the rains. He holds that the State should ever be in a position to face at least two bad seasons, and on that account does not think that it would be either safe or wise to draw upon this surplus. There is little doubt that the well-being of the people of Pudukkotai could not be better served than by following the course which the Dewan suggests. The Dewan also alludes to the fact that the State possesses no staple industry which the people could make a medium of increased prosperity. During the year it has been suggested that a sum should be set apart for the encouragement of the jaggery industry, but the Dewan having made inquiries finds that owing to the paucity of persons willing to do the work, even the quantity of jaggery required for the State distillery could not be manufactured in the State. The Dewan states, with reason, that the State can profitably interfere if the people are prepared to forward the movement with enthusiasm. He suggests that a jute mill be opened in the State. The fate of the hand-loom he considers was long ago sealed, and it is not in their rejuvenation that the prosperity of the State will hinge. The whole report is suggestive of a desire to bring about prosperity in the State, and the Durbar may be congratulated on the measure of success they have already gained.

ATROCITIES ON THE CONGO. WERE they not backed up by unimpeachable evidence one would have the greatest difficulty in crediting the statements which have recently been published as to the atrocious cruelty of Belgian traders towards the natives of the Congo Free State. That a civilised and, forsooth, a Christian nation, could for a single moment countenance such barbarities almost passes the bounds of comprehension. The disclosures have been made by Dr. H. Grattan Guinness, who has laboured as a missionary on the Congo. The staple commerce of the Congo Free State is in rubber, and Dr. Guinness says that both the State officers and the agents of the trading companies secure rubber by requiring the natives of all villages within hail of their various centres to bring in four pounds per man per fortnight. The local agent pays the natives at the rate of 2d. a lb. for the commodity, although it commands as much as three shillings a pound in the European market. In the event of any unfortunate native not performing the task that is imposed upon him he is flogged with a hippo whip. The maximum penalty is supposed to be twenty-five blows, but Dr. Guinness says that as many as 100 stripes are not infrequently given. Whole neighbourhoods are terrorised, villages are burnt, and innocent victims are shot down. The pretext is always that the natives fail to procure for the traders a sufficient quantity of rubber. Not only do the authorities thus ruthlessly ill-treat and murder the unfortunate native population, but they do not stop at mutilation. It is a common practice, says Dr. Guinness, for the right hands of dying natives, whether men, women, or children, to be amputated in order to prove that the victims of this barbarous butchery are really dead. A man was shot before the very eyes of a Swedish missionary in the course of an open air meeting, and a little boy was ordered to hack off the dying man's hand. Mrs. Banks, another missionary, saw a woman carrying a basket containing no less than nineteen hands cut off at their unholy "rubber palavers." Dr. Guinness has told this horrible narrative to King Leopold, and he says that "the King was greatly pained." As a result the practice of cutting off the right hand has been suppressed, but oppression still continues. The country is still in the hands of those who abuse, rob, and kill at their pleasure. If this be a typical example of Belgian Administration there are many who will utter a fervent prayer that Belgian influence will not extend much farther.

AMONGST the passengers who left for Europe yesterday by the Italian steamer Dco. Balduino, were, Col. H. E. Galbardo, Governor-General of Portuguese India, Lady Galbardo, and daughter, Mr. E. Galhardo and Captain Maltos Cordeiro.

MR. DONALD SMEATON, late of the Burma Commission, has been selected to contest Stirlingshire in the Liberal interest at the next elections.

THE REVD. G. W. OLVER officiates as General Superintendent, Wesleyan Church, Bengal, vice Revd. W H Hart on leave.

HIS HONOUR the Lieutenant-Governor of the Punjab arrived in Simla on Wednesday, Lady Rivaz having already been in Simla more than a fortnight. The official assembly at the hill capital is now complete.

FROM the 2nd to the 8th instant, 1 European, 4 East Indians, 19 Native Christians, 270 Hindus, and 26 Mahomedans, died within the limits of Madras, making a total of 320, the death-rate being 32·6 per mille, and the mean for the 10 previous years being 34·5. The deaths are thus classified:—Measles 2, fevers 107, bowel-complaints 49, and other causes 162.

THE Punjab Government have under consideration the early promulgation of a series of somewhat drastic regulations to rid Simla of the horde of pseudo domestic servants and other undesirable characters now overrunning the station, and also to cope in other ways with the ever-increasing servant difficulty. Possibly Calcutta may be able to borrow a hint or two from the forthcoming regulations.

ADVICES from Colombo state that the Sultan of the Maldives arrived there from Suez on the 11th instant and was received with the honours due to his rank. He spends a short time there before resuming his voyage to the Maldives to resume his seat on the throne, which during his absence at Suez was occupied by Prince Mallage Dori Manefulu as Regent. Nothing is said of the recent revolution.

THE following little bit of unconscious clerical humour has not, Mr. T. P. O'Conor thinks, been printed before. It concerns a worthy parish clergyman who was conducting a special thanksgiving service on the occasion of the King's recovery from his illness last year. After enlarging on the serious and dangerous nature of the malady, the good man is said to have continued, "And now, dear friends, let us join in singing Hymn No 48—'Peace, Perfect Peace—' in the Appendix!"

ONE of the interesting items in the Report of the Ceylon Tea Plantations Company is the reference to the increased production of its cocoanut plantation during the past year. The possibilities of the cocoanut as a profitable article of export have led the enterprising Directors to take an interest in a patent process for dealing with the kernel, and they have already got out the requisite machinery for starting the new industry. There is a lot of money to be made in the manufacture of flour from the kernel, and if this patent process in Ceylon turns out to be a success, it would be worth while starting the industry in the Madras Presidency.

ANOTHER considerable decrease is shown by this week's report on plague mortality in India, from 24,333 to 20,264. Unfortunately the Punjab, which is now responsible for more than four-fifths of all the plague deaths in India, does not share appreciably in this decline, its figures having fallen only from 16,985 to 16,212. Elsewhere the drop has been quite sharp, and the only parts reporting a plague mortality exceeding 1,000 are the Bombay Presidency and the United Provinces. In the case of those Provinces the abatement is from 12,031 to 1,160 and although thirty-four different centres of infection still exist, there are no signs of abnormal persistence any where.

THE annual meeting of the Council of the United Service Institution of India at Simla was held on Wednesday. It was announced that the winner of the gold medal for the essay on "A Review of our System of Military Education and the Training of Regimental and Staff Officers, and Suggestions for its Practical Improvement," was Major W. G Hamilton, D. S. O., Norfolk Regiment. A silver medal was specially awarded to Captain R. F. G. Bond, R. E. We understand the Council of the Institution will be glad to receive suggestions for the subject of the essay for the Gold Medal Competition for 1904. Suggestions should be sent so as to reach the Secretary of the Institution not later than the 1st June next.

SOME little known facts as to the shrinkage of timber are disclosed in the latest report on the Punjab Forests. It is calculated that during the last ten years there has been a loss in the timber launched on the river from the Pangi forests amounting to 157,000 cubic feet of deodar in the log and 24,000 cubic feet in scantlings. Similarly, from the Bashahr forests in twenty years there has been a loss of 834,000 and 196,000 cubic feet, respectively. This is by no means all due to theft or accident, for observations taken at Chamba show that between forests and sale depots identified logs lose 13 per cent in volume from shrinkage. It is calculated by the Divisional Officer of Bashahr that for every 100 cubic feet of logs cut in the forests not more than 72 cubic feet are received in the depots, 19 per cent of the loss being due to shrinkage, while only 48·5 per cent. of the scantling dispatched reaches the sale depots. It is to be observed that the Punjab Government is already looking forward to the time when "all the chief fuel preserves of the Forest Department in the Punjab plains will have been surrendered for colonisation," and we are told that to retain any large area of these rakhs under natural jungle growth would be prejudicial to the success of irrigation schemes now maturing as well as bad economy. In the zeal for irrigation it is to be hoped that the importance of trees as affecting climate will not be forgotten. Only a few days ago we called attention to a report from the Punjab, in which reference was made to the ruthless denudation of the Punjab forests for fuel, and the opinion was expressed that already this denudation had had an appreciable effect on the climate and rainfall. There is some talk of an extension of irrigated plantations; but so far as we can gather from the Report, these are to be regarded only from the financial point of view; if they do not pay a substantial profit they will not be extended.

WE take the following from the Hong-kong Police Court report in the "Hong-kong Daily Press":—

A TAIL OF TWO "CHITS."

A lady called at the Hongkong Hotel the other day and left the following note for a friend:—

"Dear Mrs. ———

"We shall be very pleased to have tea with you to-morrow, and will come to your room at 4-30—I am, yours sincerely.

" ——— "

The Chinese servant who got the note to deliver was struck with a bright idea, so he carefully drafted another "chit," a clumsy forgery of the first, in the following terms:—

"Dear Mrs. ———

"We shall be very pleased to have tea with you to-morrow, and will come to your room at 4-30. Now I hope you learn (? lend) me 60 Dollars, and I will Sent Back to you to-morrow.—I am, yours, sincerely.

" ——— "

The lady to whom the message was sent doubted the genuineness of the note that was handed to her, and sent for Mr. H. Haines, the manager of the hotel, who searched the "boy" and found, on his person not only the original letter but a number of attempts he had made to copy the handwriting before he was finally satisfied. He was given into custody, and is now "doing time" to the extent of two months.

ARRIVAL OF THE OVERLAND MAILS OF 1st MAY.

THE P. and O. Co.'s steamer India, Captain F. W. Vibert, R. N. R., arrived in harbour yesterday morning, with the English mails of the 24th instant. She brought the following passengers:—

FROM LONDON.

Shaw Mr J and Mrs T and infant
Foote Mr H W
Halt Mr D W
Cowie Capt C S
Walker Miss Forestier
Hare Mrs Vere
Prescott Capt and Mrs J
Markham Major C J
Harris Mrs B
Baiff Lieut F R
O. Connor Mrs and infant
Clarke Sergt and Mrs and child
Hutton Mr
Ireland Mr
Young Mrs and child
Sheppard Miss
McIver Mrs J A and 2 child
Osborne Miss N
Badhwa Mr M C

FROM MARSEILLES.

Bourke Capt J J
Mathews Major and Mrs J R
Duncan Lieut Col J
Phayre Col
Young Lieut A
Falcon Major R W
Davoun Major V
McCausland Mrs
Harrison Major H C N
McKenzie Lieut J
Knight Mr T H
Shaw Col J J
Porter Miss Ella
Fremlin Mr R W
Little Mr N S
Flegeltaub Mr H
Naida Mr M S
Raikes Mrs and infant
Sims Mrs Proctor
Harrison Mrs H C V
Minnett Mr J E
Richardson Rev A E
Falkiner Capt T H
Workman Mr E H
Mann Miss C A
Kemble Capt F A
Brittain Mr
Hubert Mr A
Jourdain Mr R
Tahelram Mr A
Paul Mr W M
Darwood Mr C W

FROM BRINDISI.

Merk Mr W
Macdonald Col C R
Nicachi Mr

PORT SAID.—Doctor Mr H A,
ADEN.—Waddell Sergt W.

THE WEEK'S MAIL SUMMARY.

LONDON, MAY 1.

HOME.

AN Exhibition of Mr. Chamberlain's South African gifts was opened last Friday at the Birmingham Art Gallery.

Ecclesiastical.—The Army Guild of the Holy Standard has withdrawn its proposal to hold in St. Paul's Cathedral a service commemorating the soldiers who died in South Africa.—Some of the Protestant organizations have sent telegrams to the King protesting against his visit to the "Bishop of Rome."—The Baptist Union opened its spring assembly in London on the 27th. The Baptist Church House, Southampton-row, was opened on the 28th.—The Bishop of London has appointed the Bishop of Kensington to the living of St. Martin's-in-the-Fields.—The Bishop's attention has been called to the remarriage of a divorced person at St. Mark's, North Audley-street.

Football.—Sheffield Wednesday have secured the championship of the League.

Ireland. The Irish Landowners' Convention last week adopted resolutions accepting the principle of the Land Bill, but advocating several amendments.—The Irish Unionist Alliance held its annual meeting in Dublin on the 23rd.

Law and Police.—The police on Monday found the body of a woman buried in an old filled-in ditch near the Moat-house Farm. The remains are believed to be those of Miss Holland.—Lord Euston's discharge from bankruptcy has been suspended until 10s. in the pound has been paid to the creditors.

London.—The County Council has condemned the London Education Bill and advocated the creation of a directly-elected authority.

M. Paul Cambon, the French Ambassador, presided on Saturday night at the Hotel Cecil over the annual dinner in aid of the French Hospital, and referred in cordial terms to the King's approaching visit to Paris. The Swiss Minister and the Lord Mayor were among the other speakers.

Naval and Military.—Lord Roberts unveiled at Euston Station on the 23rd a memorial to the London and North-Western Railwaymen who fell in South Africa during the war.—The Cadmus, sloop, and destroyer Arun were launched on the 29th.

Parliament.—In the House of Lords on April 28 Lord Avebury's Early Closing Bill was passed.—In the House of Commons on April 23 Mr. Ritchie made his Budget speech, announcing a reduction of the income-tax from 1s. 3d. to 11d., and the abolition of the corn duty. On the 25th Mr. Butcher's Licensing (Compensation) Bill was read a second time by 266 to 133. On the 27th Mr. Asquith moved a resolution censuring the Government for their inaction in the Penrhyn quarry dispute, and the vote was rejected by 316 to 182. The second reading of the London Education Bill was carried on the 29th by 300 to 163 after a two-days debate.

Picture sale.—At Christie's, on Saturday, £2,835 was paid for an example of Paul Potter.

Shakespeare.—The anniversary of Shakespeare's death was commemorated on the 23rd at Stratford-on-Avon. On Sunday the Bishop of Worcester preached in the parish church.

Theatre.—At the Lyric, Saturday, there was produced a new musical comedy, "The Medal and the Maid, of which the libretto is by Mr. Owen Hall and the music by Mr. Sidney Jones—The Stage Society on Monday presented at the Imperial Theatre an English rendering in "Christopher St. John" of Herman Heijermans's play "The Good Hope."

The Duchess of Albany and her daughter, Princess Alice, have returned to Claremont, after an absence of nearly four years.

The Fram Polar Expedition was described before the Royal Geographical Society on Monday by Captain Otto Sverdrup.

The Prince of Wales on Saturday unveiled a memorial in St. James's Park to the Royal Marines who fell in South Africa and China. His Royal Highness on Monday laid the foundation-stone of a block of working-class dwellings in Westminster, on Tuesday presided over the Royal Commission on the St. Louis Exhibition, and on Wednesday opened the new building of the Royal School of Art Needle-work.

The Telescriptor Syndicate.—Meetings of creditors and contributories in the winding up of this company were held on Tuesday in Carey-street. The unsecured indebtedness was stated to be £3,458, while the assets, subject to realization, were estimated at £42,067. It was stated that the ordinary outside creditors would be paid in full. A liquidator and committee of inspection were appointed.

The Queen returned to England on April 24 from Copenhagen, and proceeded next day to Sandringham.

Turf.—At Newmarket, on the 29th, the race for the Two Thousand Guineas was won by the favourite, Sir J. Miller's Rock Sand.

THE EMPIRE.

Canada.—There was an animated discussion in the Senate on Monday on the Pacific cable.—An explosion, believed to be volcanic, occured in the Rocky Mountain coal mining region on the 29th, and destroyed 75 lives.

New Zealand.—The Chief Justice of New Zealand and other Judges have sharply criticized the recent decision of the Privy Council in the case of "Wallis v. Solicitor-General for New Zealand."

Somaliland.—A force under Colonel Plunkett (160 of the King's African Rifles and 48 Sikhs) was practically destroyed near Gumburru on April 17 by an overwhelming force. All of our men perished except 37 Africans. Our loss included nine officers and two Maxims.—Major Gough, commanding a flying column, has sustained near Danop a very determined attack at close quarters. Our loss was two officers and 13 others killed, and 132 wounded.

South Africa.—The first annual meeting of the South African Association for the Advancement of Science was opened on April 27.—Four of the five death sentences in connexion with the Pretoria military riot have been commuted.

FOREIGN.

Bulgaria.—The foundation-stone of a mausoleum for Russian officers killed at Plevna in 1877 was laid on the 25th.

China.—Our Peking Correspondent reports that fresh demands have been presented [illegible] conditions for the [illegible] by Russia as Convention [illegible] carrying out of the Manchurian [illegible]. The demands are said to have been [illegible] by the Chinese Government. The Russian Foreign Office denies the accuracy of most of the alleged demands. A Japanese correspondent, however, appears to have been informed by the Russian Minister at Peking that Russia has determined to add the three provinces definitely to her Empire.—The United States Minister has protested to Prince Ching against two features of the proposed agreement.

France.—President Loubet arrived at Tunis on the 27th and spoke at Bizerta on the 29th.—The remaining Carthusians were expelled on Wednesday from the Grand Chartreuse.

Italy.—The first stone of the new Campanile Venice was laid on the 25th.

Morocco.—There is anarchy in Gharbia province, 20 miles from Tangier. The Moors openly express a desire for the termination of the crisis, and how it may.

Russia.—There was a great demonstration at Helsingfors on Monday, when four persons banished by the Governor-General of Finland under his new powers left for Stockholm.

The Bagdad Railway.—The negotiations for British participation in this enterprise have been broken off.

The King's Journey.—King Edward arrived at Naples on Thursday, April 23. The King reached Rome on Monday afternoon, and was received at the railway station by King Victor Emmanuel. On the way to the Quirinal enormous crowds gave the Royal visitor a most enthusiastic greeting. The street decorations were on a very superb scale, and the heartiest welcomes to King Edward were offered in the newspapers. On Tuesday the King visited the Pantheon, the Coliseum, and the Forum, and witnessed a gala performance at the theatre. On Wednesday the King was present at a review of 25,000 troops, and in the afternoon had a conversation with Pope Leo at the Vatican.

Turkey.—A series of new conflicts is reported from Macedonia. The Bulgarian authorities are displaying increased vigilance, but a number of fresh raiders have crossed the frontier.

Obituary.—Mr. R. W. Hanbury, President of the Board of Agriculture; Lieut-General Sir W. J. Williams; Lieut-Colonel A. W. V. Plunkett, and ten other officers, killed in Somaliland; Miss Browning, the poet's sister; the Hon. M. S. Grace, of New Zealand.—"Times."

THE Amir improved the occasion by reading a speech in the Durbar in which he addressed in turn each portion of his subjects. The Army he thanked for its fidelity and loyalty. To the Civil Officers and Raises he expressed his entire satisfaction with their support of his Government. Turning to the merchants he assured them that every facility would be given to trade; but as he did not make any mention of reduction of duties, no great consequence will be attached to his statement. Finally, addressing his particular favourites, the Mullahs, his Highness said that in the future they would have free scope for imparting religious instruction to the masses, and that he would spare neither time nor money in furthering the religious edification of his people. Following British Coronation precedents, the Amir announced a bestowal of medals for the troops participating in the ceremony. The silver one for the rank-and-file, is a piece weighing about one and a half tolas, with the Amir's monogram on one face and the Kalma on the other. The officers and upper orders receive a similar medal in gold. After the Durbar, Kabul was illuminated for three successive nights, and similar demonstrations took place in the principal cities of the Kingdom.

TELEGRAMS.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

DEBATE ON THE NAVY ESTIMATES.

REDUCTION IN ARMAMENT WANTED.

SIR CHARLES DILKE'S PROPOSAL.

RUSSIA'S ACTIVITY.

THE ADMIRALTY'S PLAIN DUTY.

LONDON, MAY 14.

During a debate in the Commons to-night on the Navy Estimates, Sir Charles Dilke urged that the Anglo-French friendship be utilized to obtain an agreement between France, Russia, and Great Britain with a view to a reduction in naval armaments.

Mr. Arnold Forster said that the Admiralty must deal with the facts as they are and not as they might be. All the Powers, he said, were increasingly active and notably the one from whom the suggestion for a reduction in naval armaments originally emanated.

The Admiralty was only fulfilling its plain duty in preparing for any emergency.

THE CANTEEN SYSTEM.

A SOLDIERS' CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY.

TO DISCOURAGE DRINKING.

FRESH CANTEEN REGULATIONS.

Earl Grey's Committee for investigating the canteens and regimental institutes system recommend radical reforms, and suggest the formation of a Soldiers' Co-operative Society and the abolition of sergeants' messes.

They emphasize the necessity for promoting the social and moral welfare of the soldier, and are particularly anxious to discourage drinking.

The War Office which is unable to accept the main recommendations intends to issue fresh canteen regulations.

THE AMERICAN COTTON TRADE.

THE DANGERS OF MANIPULATION.

A REMEDY SUGGESTED.

LONDON, MAY 15.

The President of the American Cotton Spinners association, in his annual address at Charlotte on Carolina, deplored the present manipulation of the market as being injurious alike to the producer and manufacturer, and suggested that the manufacturers should annually buy a year's supply between September and December, and thus restrict the opportunity for manipulation of the remaining few hundred thousand balls on the market.

THE PRESTON ELECTION.

A UNIONIST VICTORY.

Mr. Kerr Unionist candidate has been elected member of Parliament for Preston in the place of Mr. Hanbury deceased, having polled 8,639 votes against 6,490 polled by Mr. Hodge, the Labour candidate.

ATTACK ON A FRENCH CONVOY.

CAPTURE OF CAMELS.

Another military convoy has been attacked near Duvoy river on the Southern Franco Moorish border. Forty seven camels were captured.

THE TEA DUTY.

Mr. Balfour to-day received the influential political and commercial deputation, and declined to modify the duty on tea.

THE GENERAL OFFICER'S RANK.

NEW RULES GAZETTED.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

SIMLA, MAY 14.

Rules in connection with the promotions to the General Officer's rank in the Indian Army are notified in the Gazette. They fix the maximum number of General Officers at three, and there will be five Lieutenant-Generals and twenty-two Major-Generals, Promotion to the rank of Major-General or Lieutenant General will be made only by selection to fill appointment, and will be subject to this maximum except that as a reward for distinguished service in the field, or of an exceptional nature other than in the field promotion may be conferred on a Colonel, a Major-General, or a Lieutenant-General without regard to the maximum. Promotion to the rank of General will ordinarily be by seniority; a Lieutenant-General succeeding to a vacancy in the rank of General will be required to vacate his appointment with effect from the 1st April next following his promotion. No officer will be eligible for appointment to the command of a 2nd class district or for appointment as Colonel on the staff if over 54 years of age. The tenure will, in either case, be limited to five years. Officers, under the rank of Major-General, will vacate at 57 years of age. A General or Lieutenant-General who attained the latter rank before the 1st January, 1901, and a Major-General who was promoted to that rank before the same date will be transferred to the Unemployed Supernumerary list after being unemployed continously for five years since promotion to the rank of Major-General, or after being unemployed continuously for seven years from the date of his last employment as Colonel. Other General Officers will be transferred to the unemployed supernumerary list or retired as the case may be after being unemployed continuously for three years.

GAZETTE OF INDIA" NOTIFICATIONS.

SIMLA, MAY 15.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT.

Mr. Milne, Assistant Accountant-General, Bombay, has been allowed six months' leave.

Mr. E. R. Jardine to be Presidency Postmaster, Bombay, vice Mr. Merrett retired.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

Volunteer long service medals are conferred on Corporal Smith, Lance-Coporal Collett, and Volunteers Downes, Gabriel, Plail, and Smith, of the 1st Battalion, G. I. P. R. Volunteers; Color-Sergeant Baker, Sergeants Holland and Morisrty, Corporal Little, and Volunteer Foster, of the 2nd Battalion, G. I. P, Railway Volunteers; Volunteer Ranger, 1st Battalion, Bombay, Baroda, and Central India Railway Volunteers; Captains Bell and Harkness and Volunteers Eaglesome, Ellis, Prosser, and Taylor, 2nd Battalion, Bombay, Baroda, and Central India Railway Volunteers; Color-Sergeant Dprayer and Volunteers Bouvard, Carton, Edwards, Ottley, Patterson, and Piper, Haderabad Volunteers; and Color-Sergeant Eamm, Poona Volunteers.

We have heard a good deal about the impetus which the Stock Exchange walk to Brighton is likely to give to the lost practice of walking, says the "Pall Mall" Gazette, and there has been much said and written lately about the health value of pedestrianism. A medical correspondent, however, utters a warning note against such walks as that organized in connection with the Stock Exchange. He fears that permanent injury to health will result to many of the 106 competitors if they venture upon the walk between London and Brighton on Friday.

MYSTERIOUS WRECK IN THE HOOGHLY.

IS IT A TREASURE SHIP?

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, MAY 15.

The port authorities are now engaged in the blowing up of a mysterious wreck, which was accidentally discovered a few days ago in the vicinity of Chandpal Ghat. It is pointed out that during the great cyclone of 1864, the Steamer Lightning, loaded with treasure for Coins, disappeared from the river and has not been heard of since, and it is suggested that the wreck now claiming attention is either that vessel or one of the other vessels that met with destruction in 1864. The mystery is how the wreck has lain for so many years in the heart of the port without discovery.

LATER.

The wreck found in the Hooghly river, opposite the Chandpal Ghat, is that of steamer Calcutta which sank there in April, 1874, after collision with the steamer Galatea.

LANDSLIPS ON THE RAILWAY,

MAIL TRAIN DETAINED.

KURSEONG, MAY 14.

Owing to heavy rain fall to-day lasting several hours, three or four slips occurred on the railway in the neighbourhood of Pugla Ghora, and the traffic is interrupted. The down mail was detained at Giddapahar, where the passengers got out and had to walk two miles by a short cut to Gyabaree to enter another train there, their luggage being carried by coolies. It is hoped that through communication may be restored tomorrow.

DEATH OF MAJOR C. H. F. MINSTEED.

MADRAS, MAY 15.

We regret to record the death at Rajahmundry this morning from remittent fever of Major Charles Henry Frederic Minsteed, 1st Madras Lancers. Major Minsteed held his first commission in the Oxfordshire Light Infantry. He joined the Madras Staff Corps in October, 1883.

PRESENTATION OF CHINA MEDALS.

BANGALORE, MAY 15.

On the old polo ground, this morning, Brigadier-General Eccles Nixon presented the China medals to two British officers, 9 native officers, and 240 rank and file, of the 9th Madras Infantry, who had served in China with the Hongkong Regiment since broken up. Three companies of Punjabis have absorbed by the reconstituted 9th Madras Infantry. General Nixon addressed the recipients in appropriate terms and in excellent Hindustani.

A WINDFALL.

Private White, 6th Dragoon Guards, stationed here, received a letter a few days ago, from a firm of solicitors in Australia, informing him that an uncle who died in the Colonies had left him £29,000. Private White is arranging to obtain his discharge from the Army.

MILITARY INTELLIGENCE.

SIMLA, MAY 15.

A report has been called for by the Government of India on the lorries and traction engines which were tried for the first time in India on a practical scale at the Delhi manœuvres.

Allotments of land on the Jhelum canal will not be confined to the units of the Indian army. A small grant is being made to the Ceylon Mauritius Battery of artillery.

A telegram from Constantinople reports an outbreak of plague at Zobeir in the Omara district.

A notification from the Home Department exempts all British officers in regimental employ, volunteers, staff sergeants and warrant officers of British units, including instructors of volunteers, from the prohibitions regarding the importation of one. 303 rifle each, provided it be made a part of the equipment of the corps to which the owner belongs.

Major Armstrong, Financial Adviser to the Military authorities in South Africa, rejoins his regiment, 14th Bengal Labcers, in India.

The duration of the classes for the instruction of young officers given direct commissions in the army is extended up to 15th December next.

The contract with the British India Steam Navigation Company for the conveyance of troops and stores to Rangoon and Port Blair has been extended for two years.

THE STRANDING OF THE STEAMSHIP JUMNA.

A MARINE court of enquiry, consisting of Mr. Sanders Slater, president, and Captain S. G. D. Andrews, Marine Superintendent, P. and O. Company, and Captain J. B. Macfadyen, Marine Surveyor, met at the Esplanade Police Court, yesterday, to enquire into the circumstances attending the stranding of the steam-ship Jumna, Captain J. H. Clark, on the 8th ult. on the island of Juan de Nova in the Mozambique Channel. Mr. Nicholson, Government Solicitor, appeared for the Crown.

Mr. Regnand, Clerk of the Court, reported that the Port Officer had telephoned to say that a wire had been received from Government that the Jumna should be released, and that the enquiry would be held in London.

Mr. Nicholson said he had received no information on the point.

The President said it was strange no information had been communicated to the Court about it.

Mr. Nicholson said the Court having been appointed he did not know how the enquiry could be cancelled. None of the witnesses was present.

Mr. Regnand informed the court of the explanation given by the Port Officer on the point, namely that he was under the impression that a copy of the telegram would be naturally sent to the court.

The names of the Captain and officers of the stea were called out, but no one answered.

Mr. Regnannd, having made certain enquiries by order of the president, reported that he had telephoned to the Marine Department in the Secretariat, and was informed that the enquiry had been abondoned, but could get no reply to his query why the court was not informed of it.

The Magistrate said the enquiry having been abandoned, the court dissolved.

MR. MAURICE E. BANDMANN'S OPERA COMPANY.

We are informed that Mr. Maurice E. Bandmann has concluded an agreement with Mr. George Edwardes for the sole rights for India and the East of all his and the Gaiety Theatre Company's plays for a number of years to come. It is Mr. Bandmann's intention to bring out to India a first class English Opera Company in the spring of next year and in fact to visit India annually. Mr. Bandmann's Company contains a number of well known names included among which are Miss Florence Dailey, from the Prince of Wales Theatre, London; Miss Marie Elba; from the Covent Garden Theatre; Miss Florence; vie; Miss Nora Morra, Miss Blanche Forsythe; Miss Harry Cole; Mr. C. F Howard and Mr. Lawrence Wensley. The repertoire of the Company is an exceedingly powerful one and includes a number of plays which have never before been produced in India. The visit will be looked forward to by playgoers all over India with a great amount of anticipation.

GERMANY is anxious to make an impressive show at the St. Louis Exhibition next year, but there is at present a good deal of squabbling going on over the organization of the Art Section. The German Art Society, perhaps pardonably, entertains the views that it would prefer to make its own selection of works, but the Imperial Commissioner holds the opinion that the matter would be more satisfactorily carried out by a general committee of artists, museum directors, and the dealers who would make a representative selection and generally organize the whole German art section.

ENGLISH POLITICAL AND SOCIAL LETTER.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT).

LONDON, MAY 1.

THE BAGHDAD RAILWAY SCHEME.

ON the whole the comments of the German Press on the refusal of the British Government to participate in the Baghdad Railway scheme, or, perhaps, I should say late scheme—for notwithstanding what our Teutonic friends may say it is as defunct as Queen Anne—have been less abusive than might have been imagined, but perhaps they have been told to keep quiet in view of possible attempts on the part of their strenuous Kaiser to renew his efforts to obtain English assistance. The loud assertions of Berlin journalists that if this country is holding back to get better terms she will find out her mistake is so much bluster which is taken for what it is worth. There is a general sense of relief that we have done with the precious Constantinople Convention and for the time being, so far as the nation as a whole is concerned, any attempt to re-open the question would meet with strong disapproval. Mr. Gibson Bowles has his eagle eye on the promoters of the railway, and by way of warning put a pertinent question to the Prime Minister on Wednesday: "Was there any, and, if so, what foundation for the statements recently and generally circulated that renewed proposals had been made by foreign Governments or financiers with a view to obtain the participation of his Majesty's Government in the Baghdad railway scheme; and had his Majesty's Government any intention of reconsidering their decision as to this railway or of entering into new communications with regard thereto." "This matter," replied Mr. Balfour, "stands exactly where it was when I replied to my hon. friend on Thursday last." Mr. Bowles then tried his hand with the ingenuous Viscount Cranborne Question No. 1: "On what date did his Majesty's Government receive the copy now in their possession of the Convention between the Turkish Government and the concessionaires of the Anatolian Railway Company (Baghdad line) quoted by Mr. Vice-Consul Waugh in his report dated March 9, and received at the Foreign Office on March 16 last." Lord Cranborne said it would not be usual to give the dates in matters of this kind. He was not sure what object his hon. friend had in asking the information. Question No. 2: "Had any communication with regard to the Baghdad scheme now been received from the British Ambassador at Constantinople; and would his Majesty's Government, before departing from or verying their decision already arrived at with regard to this scheme, lay any such communication on the table of the House." "Communications," observed the UnderSecretary for the Foreign Office, have at various times been received from his Majesty's Ambassador at Constantinople on the subject of the Baghdad Railway. If circumstances should arise which might cause a modification of the views of his Majesty's Government as recently announced, they would consider whether any correspondence could be laid before the House." Sir Edward Sassoon, like many other persons, seems surprised that throughout the Bagdad controversy we have heard nothing about what the higher authorities think of the abortive German plan. Sir Edward on Monday extracted from Mr. Balfour the somewhat curious fact that no communications have been received from the Government of India on the subject. Perhaps they were not asked to give their opinion. If not, why not? The only regrets, if they may be called regrets, I have heard as to the fate of the Kaiser's proposals have come from those who fear that we may have played into the hands of Russia. Some, who feel these fears, are persons entitled to weight, but their apprehensions are not spared by at least one gentleman who may be said to be in a sense an expert. I refer to Lord Newton who earlier in life was a member of the diplomatic service. Speaking at Newton on Saturday he said "the idea that by encouraging German aims in that part of the world we should set up Germany as a countercheck to Russia and thereby gain advantage was, in his opinion, an illusion. He did not believe that Germany had any serious aims in that part of the globe, her aim being to develop Germany in Europe and not in the Far East at all. Personally he had complained of the vagueness of British foreign policy with regard to the Persian Gulf. What our interests in the Persian Gulf were had not been clearly defined; but, as far as one could see, our object was to prevent any possibly hostile Power approaching that quarter; therefore it could not be to our interests that the proposed railway should be made. If ever it were made let it be without England's assistance, but above all he hoped we should make up our minds what our interests in the Persian Gulf really were, and what we were prepared to do if any foreign Power announced its intention of going there." Apparently Lord Newton thinks that in financial as well as political grounds we are well out of the Baghdad project. In the speech referred to he said he was thoroughly acquainted with the country in question, and during his travels over the route of the suggested line it was with the greatest possible difficulty that he could obtain anything to eat, even of the commonest and worst kind. There was not much probability of a remunerative return from a country of that description, and the only means apparently by which the railway could have been made and kept upon its legs was by British money and support in the first place, and by increasing the Turkish Customs, as a result of which we should have been the principal sufferers.

SOMALILAND.

The interesting and even important discussion that took place in the House of Commons last night on the subject of the Somaliland expedition was welcome from several points of view and not least because it throws considerable light on the true inwardness of the little war now being conducted against the Mullah of Mad, not the "MadMullah" as the papers here ignorantly style him. With its customary secretiveness the Foreign Office has kept from the public all the information it could, and it was really not until 24 hours ago that the man in the street who pays the piper had any really clear idea as to why the expedition was undertaken. There is, after the Ministerial explanations, little disposition in any influential quarter to find fault with the Government for entering upon these operations and less to find fault with the policy announced for the future—that is if circumstances permit them to carry it out. This, however, is not to convey the idea that the country thinks his Majesty's advisers free from the charge of "mess and muddling." There is, indeed, a pretty general notion that this Somaliland business, whatever may be the upshot, is another nail in the coffin of the Ministry, although Viscount Cranborne thinks they have just received a freshlease of life. Speaking at Hull on Wednesday the noble Lord naively remarked that "the Opposition had been cheered by a by-election or two, but that was before the Budget."

THE INDIAN VICEROYALTY.

The London correspondent of a country daily oracularly announces that Lord Curzon's tenure of office as Viceroy of India will be extended for another two years, adding:—"It has been arranged, however, that Lord Curzon shall have three months' leave before the period of extension begins, and he proposes to visit London." Simultaneously the London correspondent of another provincial organ plumps for Lord Minto as Lord Curzon's successor. As a rule London correspondents of country dailies are men of ability, resource, and imagination—especially imagination—but they are not always to be taken quite seriously. Hence I am inclined to be more sceptical than the ingenuous managers of an excellent evening paper which sent off post haste one of its smart young men to interview Mr. Hastings, Lord George Hamilton's private secretary. Naturally the young man did not, if I may be permitted the expression, get much change out of Mr. Hastings, and sorrowfully reported his inability to obtain either contradiction or confirmation of the London correspondent's story. He was, however, "reminded that similar speculations invariably get about when a Viceroy draws near the end of his term, and also that like statements to the foregoing have been appearing in various Indian papers for some time past." This is a little unkind, as it seems to suggest the source whence came the inspiration of the paragraph about which the Private Secretary was being interviewed. "Obviously, however, it was pointed out," the paper in question proceeds, "it would be quite impossible for any official information on such a matter to be given at the present time to the press." With reference to the above one or two things occur to me. In the first place is it quite certain that the matter has been settled one way or another? Unless Lord Curzon has decided to return to this country before the expiration of the usual term of five years, he has still eight months to serve, and a great deal may happen before next January. I do not say it is probable that there will be a change of ministry before the year is out but such a thing is conceivable and obviously if this Government were to fall their successors would want to have as Viceroy one of their own supporters. Everybody recognises that in the case of such an exalted office the matter must be decided some time before hand but not necessarily nearly a year beforehand. In the next place, as very few people in this country seem to know, it is impossible for a Viceroy to come home on leave. Although the Act of Parliament fixes no limit as to the period of service and a Viceroy might, I suppose, remain in office for 20 years. So far as the law is concerned he may not leave his post. It follows, therefore, that Lord Curzon cannot obtain any extension if he comes to England, and that as Viceroy he cannot take or be granted leave to Europe. Apparently the only way out of the difficulty would be for him to resign; for an acting Viceroy to be appointed and for Lord Curzon to be re-appointed after he has had a sufficient rest in England. Some sticklers for a rigid adherence to constitutional propriety and sacred tradition hold up their hands in horror at this idea, and say that such a course would be an evasion of the law, at any rate it would not be a very serious crime but if this "not every brave" Government shrink from adopting such a course let them alter the law as with their big battalions they easily could do. Moreover I am inclined to think—quite apart from Lord Curzon—that the time has come or is coming when the law on this point should be altered. It might be advantageous to the State if the Viceroy could come to England now and then to consult the Cabinet especially as in these days the journey to and fro can be accomplished in so quickly.

COLONIAL RACE INTOLERANCE.

I am glad to see that Sir M. M. Bhownaggree, M.P., continues to protest manfully against the disabilities—I had almost written the disgraceful disabilities that continue to be imposed upon our Indian fellow subjects in South Africa and I only wish that his efforts met with a little more support from the influential section of the British Press. The desire to say nothing that will offend colonial sentiment is all very well in its way, but it may be carried too far. The list of unstarred questions—that is questions to which oral answers are not called for—contained on Wednesday three separate questions addressed to the Secretary of State for the Colonies. In the first Mr. Chamberlain was asked if he was aware that the stores of a British India merchant of ten years' standing at Wakkerstroom, named Mr. Hossein Amed, had been closed by the British authorities, and his trading licence refused; and that another trader in the town of Rustenburg, Mr. Sooliman Ismael, who had a trading licence last year, had also been refused his licence this year, and that they were not allowed to transfer their businesses to persons willing to purchase them; and, if so, would he call for reports from the authorities and state what steps he proposed to take. In the second question the right hon. gentleman was asked if he was aware that the managing proprietor of the firm of Messrs. M. C. Cumrodeen and Co., who is also chairman of the British India Association there, was ordered off a public foot path at Johannesburg last month and prohibited from walking upon it; and that a British Indian subject, named Mr. N. D. Debbo, who, after satisfying the requisite test in the English language, was permitted to land at Durban, and was travelling to Heidelberg to take up an appointment there, was compelled to leave his train on the Transvaal frontier and prevented from proceeding to his destination, with the result that he lost his appointment; and that British Indian subjects had been called upon to quit Johannesburg, and some of them sentenced to a month's imprisonment on account of their inability to leave the place; and, if so, would he inquire of the British authorities under what circumstances these occurrences took place, and take steps to prevent their recurrence. Mr. Chamberlain's reply to the above questions was compressed into 24 words. "I have no information on the matters alluded to in these questions, but I have asked the Government to furnish me with a report." Let us hope that his request has been conveyed in the form of a telegram, and that he will insist upon having a report before the matter is forgotten. If a reply is not given within a reasonable time, the adjournment of the House ought certainly to be moved. That device is often resorted to in connection with matters of less importance and urgency. Sir Muncherjee's third question was as follows:—"To ask the Secretary of State for the Colonies, if his attention has been drawn to the murder of a Mahomedan fruitseller at Durban on or about the 6th February last in which the culprit was acquitted on the ground of his having been of unsound mind when he committed the crime; and to the death of a coolie at Ladysmith on or about the 9th March last who was suspected of having been murdered, and in respect of which the jury found that the death was the result of an accident; and whether he will call for a report of these cases from the local authorities and place the same upon the table of the House." Here is Mr. Chamberlain's written answer:—"I have no information as to these cases, which appear to have been dealt with by the Courts of the Colony whose decisions, as the honourable member will recognise, I am not a position to review. I will, however, ask the Governor to report upon them." In the meantime the Home Press receives without a murmur the notification of the Commonwealth Cabinet that in the next mail contract Australia will decline to be a party to any agreement involving the use of steamers employing coloured labour. In this matter the Home Government must pluck up courage and refuse to assent to such a piece of injustice to our Indian fellow subjects, for of course it is the lascars who are aimed at in the official intimation from the Antipodes. There is, perhaps, something to be said for the fixed determination of a people of such absolutely unsullied descent, as all Australians are known to be to shout out Asiatics, so that the unmixed breed of Antipodeans may not be contaminated with Eastern blood, but there is no justification whatever for the line they have chosen to take up regarding the poor lascar, and it will be a lasting stigma on the motherland if she agrees to such an unwarrantable demand.

CASTE AND KALAPANI.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

S. S. PERSIA, ADEN.

SIR,—We have arrived here safely. Having had no time to express our sincere thanks to our numerous friends, relations, and leading citizens such as Sir Bhalchandra Krishna, the Hon'ble Mr. Goculdas K. Parekh, Mr. Veerchand Deepchand, Mr. Tribhowandas Mangaldas Nathoobhai, Mr. Narotum Morarji Gooculdas, Mr. Ahmedbhoy Habibbhoy, Mr. Premchand Roychand, Rao Bahadur Keshavji Nathoo Sailor, Mr. Damoderdas Gordhandas Sukhadwalla, Dr. Beramji Nowrosji, Mr. Dharamsi J. Thakar, Mr. Tribhowandas Venilal, Mr. Nagindas P. Mehta, and many other ladies and gentlemen who attended at the Ballard Pier to wish us bon voyage, we have to request you to insert this in your valuable paper.

We thank our friends and relations the more because in the Bania Community to which we belong, if a Hindu Bania goes to Africa, Arabia, China, Japan, Berbera, Zanzibar, and other places, he is not ex-communicate, whereas if he goes to England, the country of our beloved Sovereign, the community holds no intercourse with him and he is put to great inconvenience. In consequence of the above restriction, no one ventures to go to England and as we have undertaken this trip it is a matter of great rejoicing to us that our friends by attending at the Ballard Pier and presenting garland and bouquets of flowers, and wishing us bon-voyage have not only expressed their sympathy and support to us, but have expressed their sincere loyalty to the crown and love and affection for England, the mother land of our beloved Sovereign.

Allow us also to thank Sir Jamsetjee Jeejeebhoy and many other friends and relation for their writing us letters wishing us bon voyage.—Yours, &c.,

MULJEE B. BARBHAYA.

Bombay, May 15.

ORIENTAL LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY.

TO THE EDITOR OF "THE BOMBAY GAZETTE."

SIR,—In reference to the criticisms passed upon this Company at the recent annual meeting, I shall be obliged if you will publish the accompanying letter, which I trust may serve to remove the injurious impression then created.—Yours, &c.,

R. PATERSON-BROWN,
Manager.

Bombay, 15th May.

TO,
The Policyholders and Shareholders,
Oriental Life Assurance Co., Ld.

Gentlemen,—

Having concluded our inquiry into some of the items in the Company's balance sheet to which attention was drawn by more than one speaker at the recent annual general meeting of the shareholders and Policy-holders, we have now the honour to report thereon as follows:—

Four meetings in all were held in consultation with the Directors and the manager at which the several items of accounts in reference to commission, charges of establishments, other expenditure, the ratio of total charges to total income and to new premia annually yielded, reserve fund, loans, interest on invested funds, together with minor matters, all closely allied to the Company's financial position, were carefully gone into. Moreover, two of us, Mr. D. E. Wacha and Mr. S. E. Warden, had the further opportunity of examining some of the principal heads of accounts, and verifying for themselves as to their accuracy. The vital question of the revision of the mortality statistics was also discussed. In all these inquiries it is satisfactory to report that both the directors and manager promptly furnished us such information as was required, and enlightened us on those points which necessarily demanded elucidation.

As a result of our investigation we are glad to be able to state that the affairs of the Company, so far as our knowledge extends, are conducted on sound business principles, similar to those which have contributed not a little to bring prosperity to some of the leading Life Assurance Companies in England. There is evidently an anxious desire to bring down the ratio of expenditure to the lowest level compatible with efficiency and the annually extending business of the Company in the midst of the keenest competition. It also seems that the interests of the shareholders and policy-holders are receiving great care and attention.

Under the circumstances, we think, that the future prospects of the Company seem to rest on a sure footing, provided that constant vigilance and care are practised in every branch of business, and in the selection of lives, and so long as the business itself is conducted within safe limits, specially as regards expenditure in relation to the yearly new premia we do not think the Company will lose, or deserve to lose, the front place which it has all along occupied in the business of Life Assurance in this country.

Yours faithfully,
(Sd.) S. E. SHELLIM.
(Sd.) SORABJI EDULJI WARDEN.
(Sd.) VISHNUKANDAS ATMARAM
(Sd.) D. E. WACHA.

Bombay, 9th May 1903.

DEATH OF "RAJA PROPERT."

WITH very deep regret, writes our London correspondent, I have to announce that Mr. William Henry Propert passed away last week at Cambridge Street, Hyde Park, in his sixty seventh year. Since his retirement from the Bombay Civil Service, thirteen years ago, he has lived in London, and was a constant habitue of that famous Anglo-Indian rendezvous the East India United Service Club in St. James's Square, where he was as much esteemed as he was in the Bombay Clubs; and this is saying a great deal. He once unconsciously paid a tribute to his own almost phenomenal popularity in a remark he made to a friend of his and of mine. They met in Piccadilly, and Propert asked my friend who was "got up for the occasion" where he was going. "I am going to a wedding as best-man.' "Oh'" said Propert, "I have been best-man 22 times." Nobody but a popular man would be asked, and be willing to perform such duties so many times. Although like many others I have enjoyed his hospitality in the old Poona days, my own acquaintance with him was only slight. I have, therefore, asked a well-known Bombay civilian now at home on leave, to give me a short sketch of his old friend's career, and he has favoured me with the following graceful appreciation:—Death in his case has been a very happy release. He suffered much and latterly could not speak—but wrote this blessings to his friends and those around him—maintaining his cheerfulness and kindness of heart to the very end, poor fellow! I first met him in the year the Prince of Wales visited India but long before that he had established his name and fame in Khandesh and in the Panch Mahals, where they still tell many marvellous tales of "Raja Propert" and his famous deeds. He was always a daring shikari and a splendid shot, an all round good-fellow, and a thorough Sportsman. Not a few bison, panthers, tigers, and bears have fallen to his rifle, and he had many thrilling adventures and hair-breadth escapes. In the Ghodasgaon jungles in Khandesh he once bowled over a charging tigress the brute falling dead just at his very feet—and how he shot the dancing Dervish who headed the Naikra rebellion in the Panch Mahals is a matter of history. On the death of their leader who vaunted that he possessed a bullet-proof life the Naikra rebels broke and fled. Propert was renowned throughout the length and breadth of the Bombay Presidency for his regal hospitality. He loved big weeks and Christmas Camps and enjoyed entertaining royally. When the Queen was proclaimed Empress of India he entertained some fifty guests for a week or more in Dhulia giving dinners, dances, and musical entertainments every night. He used to compel his young assistants of all Departments to come in and live with him and at his expense during the rains and his was ever the ready hand of help. A poor and deserving man never appealed to "Raja Propert" in vain. As an Administrator he belonged to the good old school of Ashburner, and the natives both feared and loved him. He did not believe in Government by written Resolution. He used to go down amongst the villagers and see things for himself and give orders on the spot, and woe betide the Assistant Collector, Deputy Collector, or Village Patel who dared to dispute his mandates. In his hospitality he was at times almost too overwhelming, but many a weary district toiler has to thank him for a happy break in his monotonous existence.

The Banjo—the breakdown—and the song resounded wherever "Raja Propert" went, and he helped in all social entertainments 'con amore.' His services in the cause of Volunteering were never properly recognised or rewarded by the Bombay Government, and the treatment accorded to him certainly did not encourage other Civilians to help in the Volunteer Movement. Propert, as Commander of the Central Divison, commanded the Poona Volunteers, and when he was transferred to the Southern Divison his interest in the movement continued unabated. There was nothing Propert hated more than meanness, and he used to be very jealous of the honour of the Civil Service and furious at the money-grabbing tendency of some of its senior Members. Generous to a degree gifted with musical tastes—and ever ready to take part freely in any fun—Propert was a favourite wherever he went, and never failed to convert a dismal station into a jolly one. Like all men, with naturally high spirits he had, of course, his periods of depression—but those seldom lasted long. He used to shake them off and rush forth to Lawn Tennis or Badminton with boyish enthusiasm. Short is Indian memories are. I do not think that 'Raja Propert' is soon likely to be forgotten in Khandesh or the Panch Mahals.

The funeral took place last Friday at Kensal Green Cemetery. Previous to the interment, a memorial service was held at St. John's Church, Southwick Crescent, Hyde Park, the large congregation, including the widow clad in the deepest mourning, Mr. Lionel Ashburner, C.S.I., Dr. John Pollen, Mr. E. M. Money, Sir Arthur Trevor Sir Andrew Wingate, General Maunder, Surgeon Colonel Beatty, Colonel Tucker, Hon John Harris, Messrs. Percy Wigram, C. J. More, Weale, Joshua King, H. A. Lawrence, F. R. S. Wyllie Sheppard, W. Clifton, Barclay, and James Douglas of Bombay. The service was fully choral and deeply impressive. The widow followed the coffin to the grave, and members of her family and of the Propert family attended in considerable numbers.

THE SERVICES AT HOME.

INDIA OFFICE, MAY 1.

ARRIVALS REPORTED IN LONDON.

Lieut-Col L S Peyten 14th B Lancers
Major C A R Browne R E B
Capt B C Waterfield B
Capt H W G Cole B
Lieut G T van Gucht 3rd B Cav
Lieut V A Coaker 3rd B Cov
Mr F F Sladen B Cov
Mr E R K Blenkinsop B Cov
Mr H J Hoare B Cov
Mr E F Growse B Cov
Mr F D Simpson B Cov
Mr A Goodeve B Cov
Mr A Gaitskell B Cov
Mr E Butcher B Cov
Mr W A Moran B
Mr R W Parish B
Mr A T Webster B
Mr J M Mushet B
Mr M Prothero B
Mr V C French B
Mr C Powden B
Mr H Barlow B
Mr C F Erskine B
Mr T Smith B
Mr G H Cockman B
Mr L M Soatbrooke B
Mr R A Hopkins B
Mr W A E Lake B
Lieut-Col W H Lowry 28th M I
Capt G C Burn 13th M I
Lieut B E A Pritchard 23rd M Light Infr
Major W W Battiscomb 9th No 1
Major J H Pollard Bo Body guard
Commander W A Tindall Bo
Mr F J A Hill Bo
Mr K C Rushton Bo
Mr R J Kent Bo
Mr C N Clifton Bo
Major A Campbell 29th P I
Capt T R Maclachlan 46th P I
Lieut G B Scott 27th P I
Col F S Gwatkin I A
Col J L Wilkins I M S
Col E Blunt R E
Col E Balfe I A Judge-Advocate General's Dept
Lieut-Col O H Dawson I A
Lieut-Col J C Fullerton I M S
Lieut-Col G H Bull I M S
Lieut-Col W O'Hara I M S
Major E C Thwaytes I A
Major C G Osfield I A Indian Ordance Dept
Major H T H Hay 11th Coorg Inf
Major T Fraser R E
Major G L Holland 34th Pioneer
Mr W C Vickers I M S
Major M A Tighe I A
Major G A Leslie R E
Capt W M Fenning L A
Capt F A Moore 45th Sikhs
Capt G Watling 16th Rajpoots
Capt W C French 2nd-3rd Goorkha Rifles
Capt M Maclean Indian Ordnance Dept
Capt W H Brown and Moplah Inf
Capt F S O Thompson I M S
Capt F D Davidson 6th Inf Hyd Cont
Capt F de B Hancock I A.
Capt E I Tomkins R A
Capt F A Wynter R A
Capt G T Birdwood I M L
Capt I A Wilson 44th Goorkhas
Capt G H Dolican R E
Capt W B Spalding R A
Lieut B A Meth Rice 42nd Goorkha Rifles
Lieut A W Robertson-Glasgov 2nd-39th Garhwal Rifles
Lieut H S Becher and Goorkh Rifles
Lieut B O H Drew 23rd Pioneers
Lieut A T S Dickinson 1st Sikh Inf
Lieut J O'Neill
Lieut A Maclavish 3ed Brahma Inf
Lieut E L Bond R A
Lieut G L Blair 36th Sikhs
Lieut R S Thomas Supply and Transport Corps
Lieut A H Watts 41st Dogras
Lieut G H Gill I M S
Capt and Deputy-Director G Wilaisan R I M
Lieut C W Rasay R I M
Wit O R Campbell R I M
Nursing Sister Miss E A Wildman India Army Nursing Service

EXTENSIONS OF LEAVE.

Lieut-Col J L Poynder I M S B 6 mo M C
Major A R S Anderson I M S B furl to Oct 11 1903
Mr A Ross B Cov 5 mo extra ordinary leave on M C
Mr S N Walker B 4 mo M C
Mr R H Warner B 4 mo M C
Major C L Williams I M S M 4mo M C
Mr C L Bidie M 4 mo M C
Mr H W Lushington M 4 mo M C
Capt D A D McVean 45th Sikhs 4 mo M C
Capt A N Lovell 2nd Lancers, Hyd Cont 3 mo M C
Lieut L P Brassey I M S 3 mo M C
Lieut S B Higgins R I M 3mo M C
Lieut E J Constant R I M 5mo M C
Lieut W W C Frith R I M 3 mo M C
Lieut G L Forteath R I M 5 mo M C
Engineer G H Sharvell R I M 2 mo M C

PERMITTED TO RETURN.

Mr D Wilson B Cov
Mr F Hallam B
Mr M C C Fool B
Mr G Hawkes B
Lieut J F Woodham 16th M I
Lieut H F Burton 6th M I
Capt H Harrison Bo
Mr C S F Crofton Bo Cov

PASSENGERS PER S.S. FRANZ FERDINAND.

The following is the list of passengers proceeding to Trieste and Venice, per Austrian Lloyd's SS Franz Ferdinand, on Sunday, the 17th instant, from the Victoria Dock, berth No.8. The medical inspection of the saloon passengers will take place at the Victoria Dock, berth No. 8, on the same day at 11.30. a.m. sharp. Dock Passengers should be at the New Disinfection Station, with all their baggage and kit, at 4. p.m, to-day the 16th instant.

Mr H Apfelbaum
Mrs Bellilos
Miss Crowe
Mrs S Callaghan
Mr Entwistle
Mr H Frank
Mr A Gerdes
Mrs G Gerdes
Mr Goldberg
Mr Robert Hitford
Lt-Col G G Harwood
Mr Hemelryk
Mr M Joannides
Mr L White kind
Mrs F Koenitz
Col P R Legh
Mr Lang
Mr L A Light
Mrs Lawes
Mr J W and Mrs Rosethal
Col C P Robinson
Capt P Mrs Richter one child and one infant
Mr Rustomji N Boyce
Mr Ruttonji N Boyce
Mr Rebencerty
Dr Sorabji H Mody
Capt and Mrs Sepencer and Infant
Mr Em Schmidt
Mr W A Talbot
Miss Talbot
Mrs and two Misses Tate
Mr J Tiedmann
Mr and Mr W F Wood Ellis and infant
Mr Th Wober

FROM KARACHI.

Mr C C L Biscoe
Capt & B and Mrs Dew
Mr Green
Mrs M Hailey
Mrs Jacob
Lieut J M Kitchin
Mr J W A and Mrs McNair
Capt Rose
Mr Rippon
Capt C A R Scott
Mr Schindler
Mrs Yale and inft and nurse

PASSENGERS BY THE HOMEWARD MAIL.

THE following passengers are booked to proceed to-day by the P. and O. Co.'s steamer Caledonia to Marseilles and London:—

Marsland Mr J J
Baumbach Mr R
Dunlop Miss
Gabagan Mr and Mr E G and child
Rhind Mr and Mrs
Rhind Miss
Rhind Mr (Jr) and 2 children
Henderson Mr and Mrs J I Fox and Infant
Hill Col E Cleary
Hundson Mr and Mrs W F
White Mr Charles W
Leech Mr and Mrs W H
Warren Mr J
Burton Mr E
Martin Mr H
We-tropp Mrs E B
Prideaux Mr W
Thomas Mr L
Montgomerie Mrs and Miss and 2 children
Hardy Mr W
Butchard Mr and Mrs B M
Cresswell Mr P W
Remington Mr G K
Bulkley Mr
Johnstone Mr R
Crump Mrs L C
Young Mr W E
Hebbert Mr and Mrs F B
Stone Mr and Mrs C H
Clark Mr
Layton Mr F
Horbury Mr and Mrs
Horbury Miss
Lovell Mr C
Davidson Mrs L
Webb Capt A L
Foyner Mr H H
Michell Dr R
Jenkin Mr
Harding Mrs and Miss
Lake Vet Lieut B L
Walmsley Mr
Wood Mr W H
Clark Mr and Mrs G and 2 children
Bharda Mr J W
Radley Mr and Mrs B V and Infant
Dixon Maj P E
Willcocks Brig Genl Sir James
Jenkins Mr and Mrs C
Wilkins Mrs
Fry Miss
Sullivan Mr W S
Carron Mrs
Even Lt Col and Mrs
Bowden Mr H J A
Montague Maj
Dring Mrs V A
Houghton Mr W R
Pointon Mr A
Joyce Mr R
Bond Capt R E
Hitchison Mr C V
Hitchison Miss
Ardeseer Bolton Mr D and child Mrs
McGowen Mr O
Mcordoch and child Mrs D D
Cobell Mr W
Allen Mr H J
Lindsay Mr D
Allum Miss C M
Allum Miss S
Kindersley Mr R L
Wilkins Mr A W
Goschen Mr K
Goschen Mr C H
McLeod Mr C C
Greinstone Maj S B
Grant Mr and Mrs and child
Grant Mr W
Dunbill Miss H E
Careev Capt B L
Low Mr and Mrs
Moberly Mr H
Owers Mr
Baker Lt W L
Dow Mr and Mrs and child
Baxter Mr W M
Lyal Mr and Mrs K D and 2 Children
Huggett Mr
Power Maj R J
Home Mr A T
Jones Miss M E
Erudreep Capt J
Hatton Mr
Spencer Maj Mrs Trevor
Boulton Capt H
Lake Mr H H
Vasha Mr
Norman Mrs
Norman Miss
Fegan Maj M F
Cave Miss
Carson Lt Col
Ellis Capt W H
Melville Maj and Mrs W
Hatton Mr
Duntoon Mr
Polson Mr
Polson Master
Kerr Col M A and Miss
Webb Mr G H
Macpherson Lieut
Brooke and child Mrs
Kenny Miss
Corke Mr A
Corke Mr R
Gleave Mr F R
Scott Rev Cannon
Scott Mrs
Fanshawe Maj E A
Livcolu Mr F G D
Noble Mr M A J
Rodwell Lt Col E H
Ferrers Nicholson Mrs
Hollis Mr A
Benan Mr T G
Greham Capt J
Bertie Mr J
Flaming Mr F
Ryan Mr
Franstadt Mr A
Masaldan Mr J N
Bayley Mr C B
Isway Mr C
Bigwell Mr S R
Geddes Lieut J W
Wilson Mr G M
Crum Miss
Force Mr R R
James Mr C P
Clemesha Capt W W
Clemesha Infant and Mrs
Francis Mr C W
Wilkinson Miss
Chapman Capt L J
Hunt Lt H R A
Prevost Mrs 2 children and Nurse
Gretton Lt G F
Scott Rev T
Winterscale Lieut C F B
Atpinson Mrs
Yates Mrs L E H
Larmour Mr and Mrs C F
Wood Mr J
Bennett Lt J H
Richardson Mr C W
Williams Mr R A
Simpson Hayward Mr G H
Cooper Mr Geo
Cole Mr W S
Robertson Miss
Harington Miss
McKittie Miss
Muir Col C W
Arthur Mr H
Kirkwan Mr and Mrs W B
Jonn Mr W H
Yusuf Babu
Turner Capt
Pirthinath chak Mr
Yool Lt Geo A
Cobb Capt and Mrs H W and maid
Bentson Lt Col and Mrs
Hislop Mr
Podler Mr A
Jones Mr H
Wilson Mr C R
Bowman Mr E V
Whitbread Mr
Crum Mr W E
Paterson Misses
Badcock Mr W W
Charges Mr P B N
Bullen Capt B H
Buford (Jr) Mr A S
Scott Mr Geo C
Crawn Mr C H
Johnson Miss M G C
Naine Mr S M
Meyer Mr and Mrs C F
Meyer Miss
Codrington Capt E
Kennedy Lt T J
Richarason Mr C W
Williams Lt R M
Walter Mr C J
Reid Capt H A
Hogg Sr R E T
Wallace Mr C P
Wheatley Mr W G

BOMBAY PORT TRUST.

THE following are excerpts from the proceedings of a meeting of the Trustees of the Port of Bombay, held on the 5th May 1903:—

A NEW ENGINE HOUSE.

Read letter from the Engineer, dated 30 April 1903, forwarding detailed plans and estimates for constructing an engine-house at the west end of Carnac Basin for the new hydraulic pumping engines, the total cost amounting to Rs. 1,30,788 including the contingencies and Engineering charges, which are calculated at the rate of 5 per cent., and making certain observations with regard to the sets of quarters to be provided in the premises for the Foreman in charge of the Engines. The following resolution was passed:—The plans and estimates are sanctioned, subject to further revision in respect of the provision for residential quarters which should be re-considered. The work may be proceeded with to the debit of the provision for the Additional Hydraulic Power Station—Sections I and II, Items 2 and 4, of the Capital Works Budget.

THE DOCK EXTENSION SCHEME.

The following note by the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated 10th March 1903, was submitted:—This is an ambitious scheme, and there are no details on which the Public Works Department can usefully note at this stage. I have had no opportunity of seeing the collection of plans illustrating the various proposals made from time to time to increase the docking facilities of the Port, and I think the conclusions come to by the Trustees are the right ones. Doubtless, many minor changes will be proposed before the final plans are submitted for sanction. The main features of the scheme are the following:—As regards depth, the power of docking vessels drawing 31 feet of water. As regards length, accomodation for vessels 800 feet long with ample turning room. A southern entrance with a direct channel. A pier at which the mail steamers can land their passengers and mails.

2. The provisions made as regards depth and length exceed present requirements, but it is common knowledge that the tendency is to increase the size of steamers. It is stated in the papers, which accompany the letter from the the Trust, that vessels drawing 32 1-2 feet now leave England, for Australia. In my opinion the Trust have come to the right conclusion, especially as I foresee the time when the increase in size of steamers may render it as cheap or cheaper to send them to Bombay via the Cape as through the Suez Canal. 3. It is stated that in exceptional weather there may be difficulties in entering the new Dock by a southern entrance. I understand that further nautical opinion has been obtained since the paper were printed, and that it is to the effect that vessels will be able to enter and leave the Dock in all states of the weather. This matter will have to be fully considered before the final plans are sanctioned.

4. The proposed facilities for landing passenger and mails on a pier instead of in launches, as at present, are much to be desired. 5. The future location of the bulk oil tanks will need very careful consideration. I doubt if it will be wise to let them remain anywhere close to the new Dock. If at all possible, they should be transferred to the north.

The following Government Resolution was considered:—The considerations referred to in paragraph 5 of the report of the Dock Committee and in the concluding portion of paragraph 2 of the Chief Engineer note seem to point to the advisability of making the depth of the proposed Dock even greater than is proposed. It is presumed, however, that at other than neap tides it will be possible for vessels drawing even more than 32 feet to enter, and if so, the depth proposed may suffice for all possible contingencies. 2. The Trustees of the Port of Bombay may be informed that Government have no other "prima facie" remarks or objections to make in regard to proposed scheme, and will await the submission of detailed plans and estimates and proposals as to the ways and means of carrying out the scheme. 3. The project will be submitted to the Government of India. The Chairman read Government Resolution No. 48, dated 28th April 1903, Marine Department, and the note by the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, accompanying it relating to the proposed construction of new Wet and Dry Docks, remarking on the question of the sufficiency of the depth proposed, and saying that Government have no other "prima facie" remarks or objections to make in regard to the proposed scheme and will await the submission of detailed plans and estimates and proposals as to the ways and means of carrying out the scheme, and adding the project will be submitted to the Government of India. The Chairman observed that it would be feasible to lower the sill of the dock entrance one foot or to R. L. 49'00, the same as the level proposed for the entrance channel without enhancing the cost of the scheme, and that this would probably be an advisable step Copies of the Government-resolution and of the note by the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, above referred to having been furnished to each Trustee were not read,

The correspondence was recorded,

PROPOSALS FOR A NEW UNATTENDED LIGHTSHIP.

The Chairman read an extract (4) from the proceedings of the meeting of the Docks and Harbour and Pilotage Committees held on 19th January 1903, and the Trustees' orders thereon (Trustees' Resolution No. 19, dated 20th January 1903), directing that enquiries should be made regarding the cost and suitability, &c., of an unattended light-vessel of the Otter type to replace the present light-vessel and deciding that the light should be a fixed white light instead of occulting, which would clash with the Sunk Rock light.

After discussion the following conclusions were agreed to:—The Committee find that the several reports furnished by the Agents bear satisfactory testimony to the suitability of a vessel of this class for the position. They approve of the provision of a bell with automatic ringing apparatus. They concur with the Engineer and Port Officer that the previous decision that the light should be a fixed white light instead of an occulting light should be abhered to. They approve of the Port Officer's suggestion that the vessel should be fitted to carry 120 days supply of gas instead of only 90. It is very unlikely that the vessel will remain unattended for the whole monsoon, but it seems advisable to have a reserve supply which it appears can be arranged for without difficulty. The Port Officer's remarks on other matters of detail should be communicated to the Consulting Engineers and Agents who should also be asked, with reference to the Engineer's report, to advise as to whether the vessel should not be sheathed to protect the steel plates. Subject to these remarks the Committee advise that the tender of the Pintsch's Patent Lighting Company amounting to—

1. Gas Illuminated Vessel … … … … £3300
2. Oil Gas Making Plant … … … … [illegible]
3. Two Gas Storeholders … … … … [illegible]

(time for completion, 6 months) be accepted, the expenditure being met from the provision of Rs. 1,05,000 in the current year's Capital Works Budget, Section V, under Item 3.

The recommendations were approved,

PILOTAGE STATEMENT.

	For week ending 1st May 1903.	Total from 1st April to 1st May 1903.	For week ending 1st May 1902.	Total from 1st April to 1st May 1902.
Vessels piloted into harbour	[illegible]	111	[illegible]	[illegible]
Do out of do	[illegible]	113	[illegible]	[illegible]
Do transported	[illegible]	71	[illegible]	[illegible]
Do attended to	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Do warped	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

INDIA IN PARLIAMENT.

THE BAGHDAD RAILWAY.

In the House of Commons on Friday, April 24,—in reply to Sir Joseph Leese, who asked the First Lord of Treasury whether his attention had been drawn to the terms of Article IV. of the Convention alleged to have been granted to the Anatolian Railway Company by the Turkish Government whereby the proposed railway to Baghdad and Basra is to be finished within eight years, subject to any delays arising out of force majeure such as a war between European Powers or a radical change in the financial situation of England, Germany, or France and whether he was able to explain the meaning of the reference to the financial situation of England in this said article,

Mr. Balfour says:—As I have already stated, his Majesty's Government are in possession of a copy of the Convention in question but they are in no sense parties to it and cannot therefore be called upon to explain its provisions,

GRANT OF LAND REVENUE TO A NATIVE JUDGE.

Mr. H. C. Richards asked the Secretary of State for India: If his attention has been called to the fact that the Government of India has granted an assignment of land revenue of the value of 5,000 rs. per annum to a Vakil judge of the High Court of Madras, who was appointed in 1901 on the condition that he would retire from the Bench at the age of 65; and whether he will explain why this judge has been so rewarded, and consider the advisability of directing that European judges, members of the High Court of Madras, shall be treated in a similar manner by giving them grants based upon land revenue in addition to their retiring persions.

Lord George Hamilton: I am aware of the assignment of land revenue referred to in the question, which was granted to the judge with my sanction for exceptional public services and also in view of the fact that, in accepting an office in which he could not serve long enough to earn a pension, he abandoned a lucrative position at the bar. These reasons were personal to the judge, Sir Bhashyam Aiyangar, and do not apply to the cases referred to in the last sentence of the question.

THE SIMA RELIEF COLUMN.

On Monday, April 27, Mr. John Hutton asked the Secretary of State for War: Whether he will explain why the Army Order, No. 9, of January 1902, was limited to troops engaged in the operations previous to March 3, 1893 and whether he will extend the date so as to include the Sima Relief Column, under Capt. Davis, D. S. O., Devonshire Regt., which started from Bhamo in April 1893, and which was the last expedition that season.

Mr. Secretary Brodrick; This Army Order was drawn up in accordance with the recommendations of the Indian Government, and I think we must adhere to their proposals.

THE ALL-INDIAN MEMORIAL TO QUEEN VICTORIA.

Mr. MacNeill asked the Secretary of State for India: If he can state the amount received up to date in respect of the All-Indian Memorial for the construction of a white marble building on the eastern side of India, on or near the banks of the Hooghly; and whether, in case the Calcutta site is not finally decided upon, he will consider the advisability of placing the monumental building near Delhi or Agra, where Indian marbles can be readily obtained, thereby avoiding the excessive cost of importing that material from Europe; and will he state what proportions of this fund have been contributed by princes and chiefs who are under the supervision of the Governor-General's agents or other officers of the Political Department, by zemindars or other privileged or wealthy classes, and by the general public respectively; and whether, in view of the circumstances of India, some appreciable portion of this All-Indian fund can be applied to productive, remedial or beneficial purposes.

Earl Percy, who replied to the question, said: According to the last report received the total subscription up to March 20 last to the Queen Victoria Memorial Fund, were 48,19,861 rs. of which 18,26,845 rs. were still outstanding. I understand that the Calcutta site has been finally decided upon. The Secretary of State has no information as to the proportions contributed to the fund by the different classes mentioned in the question. The fund is not at the disposal of Government; the purpose to which it is to be applied has been determined by the subscribers.

INDIAN RAILWAYS.

Sir George Bartley asked the Secretary of State for India: Whether, seeing that the shareholders of the East India Railway in 1880, the Eastern Bengal Railway in 1884, and the Sind Railway in 1886, were paid off in annuity stock and in Government stock by Act of Parliament, and in amounts being the full equivalent of the average market value of the properties appropriated by the State, and that the Great Indian Peninsula Railway Company's settlement in 1900 resulted in the proprietors receiving annuity stock valued at £150, instead of the approved parliamentary assessed average value of £174, per £100, stock, and whether, seeing that the purchase clauses of these four, and of the Bombay Railway in 1905 and that of the Madras Railway Company in 1907, are practically similar, and in view of the protest made on March 31st on behalf of trustees, banks, insurance companies, and other shareholders by the chairman of the Bombay Railway Company and the Madras Railway Company, as to the character of this Great Indian Peninsula Railway Company settlement and its injurious effect on their stock, arising from the uncertainty regarding their future treatment, he will consider the advisability of appointing a Select Committee to decide which of these precedents should be followed in 1905 and 1907.

Lord George Hamilton: If it should be decided to purchase either of the two lines in question, and to effect the purchase by means of an annuity, it would, I think, at the time of purchase, be desireable to consider the question whether the power vested by statute in the Secretariat of State for India in Council of creating capital stock for the redemption the annuity should be exercised. I can, however, hold out no prospect that the decision of this question will be entrusted to a Select Committee of this House or to anybody other than the Secretary of State in Council, to whom the control of the revenues of India is by law confided.

BRITISH TRADE WITH PERSIA.

On April 28, Mr. Schwann asked the Under Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, If he can give the values and bulk, during the last five years, of the total traffic on the River Kardo into Western Persia; and whether any, if so what, steps have been taken to promote the use of that route for commerce by British and Indian traders.

Lord Cranborne: The following are the values of the imports into the Karun portion, taken from the trade reports of his Majesty's vice-consul at Mohammerah:—1897, £26,030; 1898, £72,817, 1899; £64,97?, 1900, £100,437, 1901, (Ahwaz only), £72,358. It would be impossible within the limits of a question to deal with the statistics of bulk, but I would refer the hon. member to the following reports in the annual series:—Nos. 2,186, 2,346 2,442, 2,631, and 2,903. The question of the best means of encouraging the use of this route by British and Indian traders has the constant attention of his Majesty's Government Steps are being taken for the appointment of a British vice-consul to reside at Ahwaz on the Karun.

THE BAGHDAD RAILWAY.

On April 29, Mr. Gibson Bowles asked the First Lord of the Treasury was there any, and, if so, what, foundation for the statements recently and generally circulated that renewed proposals had been made by foreign Governments or financiers with a view to obtain the participation of his Majesty's Government in the Baghdad Railway scheme; and had his Majesty's Government any intention of reconsidering their decision as to this railway or of entering into new communications with regard thereto.

Mr. Balfour; This matter stands exactly where it was when I replied to my hon. friend on Thursday last.

Mr. Gibson Bowles asked the Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs whether any communication with regard to Baghdad Railway scheme had now been received from the British Ambassador at Constantinople; and would his Majesty's Government, before departing from or varying their decision already arrived at with regard to this scheme, lay any such communication on the table of the House.

Viscount Cranborne: Communications have at various times been received from his Majesty's Ambassador at Constantinople on the subject of the Bagdad Railway. If circumstances should arise which might cause a modification of the views of his Majesty's Government as recently announced they would consider whether any correspondence could be laid before the House.

TREATMENT OF INDIANS IN THE TRANSVAAL.

Sir Mancherjee Bhownaggree asked the Secretary of State for the Colonies if he is aware that the stores of a British Indian merchant of 10 years' standing at Wakkerstroom, named Mr. Hossein Amod, have been closed by the British authorities and his trading license refused; and that another trader in the town of Rustenburg, Mr. Sooliman Ismael, who had a trading license last year has also been refused his license this year, and that they are not allowed to transfer their businesses to persons willing to purchase them; and, if so, will he call for reports from the authorities and state what steps he proposes to take.

Sir Mancherjee Bhownaggree further asked the Secretary of State for the Colonies, whether he is aware that the managing proprietor of the firm of Messrs. M. C. Cumreodeen and Co., who is also chairman of the British India Association there, was order off a public footpath at Johannesburg last month and prohibited from walking upon it; and that a British Indian subject, named Mr. N. D. Deboo, who after satisfying the requisite test in the English language, was permitted to land at Durban and was travelling to take up an appointment there, was compelled to leave his train the Transvaal frontier and prevented from proceeding to his destination, with the result that he lost his appointment and that British Indian subject have been called upon to quit Johannesburg, and some of them sentenced to a month's imprisonment on account of their inability to leave the place and, if so, will he inquire of the British authorities under what circumstances these occurrences took place and take steps to prevent their recurrence.

Mr. Chamberlain: I have no information on the matters alluded to these questions but I have asked the Government to furnish me with a report.

INDEBTEDNESS OF NATIVE STATES.

On Thursday, April 30.—Mr. Weir asked the Secretary of State for India: If he will state the number of Native States indebted to the Government of India on account of advances, the total amount of that indebtedness, the average rate of interest, and the amount by which the debt is being reduced annually.

Lord George Hamilton: On March 31, 1902, loans were outstanding to 201 Native States, amounting in all to 4,10,45,503 rs. The repayments during the last three year, for which full information is available, have been as follows, namely, in 1899-1900 1,41,293, rs.: in 1900-1901, 31,13,950 rs.; in 1901-1902, 15,97,354 rs. The rate of interest in all cases was four per cent. Since March 31, 1902, some additional loans have been granted, at various rates of interest, to States which have suffered through the late famine, but complete information as to the transactions has not yet reached me.

LAND REVENUE FROM IRRIGATED LANDS.

Mr. Weir asked the Secretary of State for India: In view of the fact that the proportion of land revenue from irrigated lands is estimated at £[illegible], can be state approximately the acreage of these lands in each Presidency contributing to this revenue.

Lord George Hamilton: The amount [illegible] represents certain additional land revenue [illegible] which are credited under the head irrigation [illegible] accounts as being the result of [illegible] canals. The area [illegible] canals [illegible] which land revenue credits are made [illegible] in 1901-1902:—United Provinces of [illegible] acres; Punjab and North-West Frontier Province, 2,023,684 acres; Madras, 2,[illegible]673 acres; Bombay, 380,0[illegible]2 acres.

SPECIAL GRANT FOR IRRIGATION WORK.

Mr. Weir asked the Secretary of State for India, seeing that a special grant of 30 lacs of rupees was [illegible] 1902-1903 under irrigation for new minor works, [illegible] he explain why the sum of £80,000 [illegible] at the end of the year? Lord George Hamilton: Owing to projects not being ready in time, it was not found possible to [illegible] the whole of the special grant [illegible] irrigation works but the [illegible] of Rs. [illegible] has been repeated in the [illegible], and will be available for [illegible] the current year, irrespective [illegible] expanded in 1902-1903.

BAGHDAD RAILWAY.

WRECKED BY ENGLISH NON-PARTICIPATION.

The conditions of the German syndicate which proposes to build the Baghdad Railway, the fulfilment of which the English Financial Syndicate were unable to secure, are thus set out by Reuter's Berlin correspondent:—

Firstly, that the British Government should lend its assistance to obtain by means of a moderate increase in the Turkish Customs tariff, the guarantees for the extension of the Baghdad Railway beyond the first section;

Secondly, that the British Government should hold out some promise to send the Indian mails by the Baghdad Railway, under conditions to be agreed upon later, in the event of this becoming actually the better route;

Thirdly, that the British Government should place its good offices at the service of the undertaking, in order that a suitable terminus on the Baghdad Railway might be established on the Persian Gulf at Koweit.

A leading German promoter of the Baghdad Railway, stated in the course of an interview that the German promoters are considerably depressed at the news that English financiers have declined to participate in the scheme. The decision of the British Government has caused consternation, as, after Mr. Balfour's recent statement, it was believed that the Government was favourable to the scheme.

It is believed by the promoters of the company that the British Government yielded to three distinct influences:—Firstly, to those politicians and publicists who urge an understanding with Russia; secondly, to Eastern shipping interests; and thirdly, to anti-German feeling.

At the present moment negotiations with England are definitely broken off, and the whole plan is perhaps wrecked. Turkey must, it is maintained, create more sources of revenue to meet the kilometric guarantees. If England opposes an increase in the Turkish Customs dues, the scheme will be compromised; but it is held that it will be bad policy to prevent Turkey from increasing her revenue; and, after all, it is pointed out that the Turks, and not the exporters, would have to pay the extra duty.

It is asserted that it was entirely owing to the attitude of the Turkish Government, and not to German influence, that it was agreed that the section of the railway between Basra and Baghdad should not be worked until the main line between Konia and Baghdad was completed, Turkey fearing that Powers would take some action in the event of that section being opened. It is further contended that, as English warships control the Persian Gulf, there could be no question of British interests being endangered.

Under present arrangements the work in connection with the next section of the railway from Konia to Eregli will be continued. German engineers are already en route, and the construction of the line will begin early in June. After that it is hoped that further sections will be built, though it is admitted that progress will be much slower now and the question of where the terminus of the line is to be, or even whether the line will ever reach Baghdad, has become problematical.

The "Tageblatt" admits that the English opposition to an increase of Turkish import duties is natural in view of the damage that might thereby be inflicted on English trade. The same paper, however, like the "Borsen Courier," expresses a hope that the English will yet alter their mind and join the undertaking.

NATIONAL INDIAN ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of this Association in aid of social progress and education in India was held on April 29 in the Jehangir Hall at the Imperial Institute, and there was a large attendance. Lord Davey presided.

Sir W. Lee-Warner moved the adoption of the report, and, having observed that the Association had taken full advantage of the opportunities of work presented to it during the past year, said its main object was to promote closer intercourse between the East and the West—to enable the peoples of England and India to know each other better, for each had much to learn of the other. He recognised that considerable progress had been made during the past year in this direction, especially through the lectures that had been given referring particularly to that of Mr. Justice N. G. Chandavarkar, of Bombay, and suggested the formation of a club in London for Indian students and other Indians visiting this country.

Dr. John Pollen seconded the resolution.

The motion having been carried Sir Steuart Bayley moved that "this meeting considers the training of women teachers to be of the greatest importance in regard to promoting the education of Indian women and girls, and sympathises with all efforts made in that direction."

Major Syed Hassan, in seconding the resolution, said he would lay down two general principles in connection with the elementary education of the girls of India, which was the work the association mainly undertook. First, he would require that the girl should be taught in her own vernacular, and, secondly, that the instruction given should be of such a kind as would be useful to the pupil in after life.

The motion having been adopted, the chairman addressed the meeting, and congratulated the managers of the Association on the results of their past efforts. He often thought the people of this country did not adequately realise what the Empire of India was—that is was not a mere dependency of the Crown like a Crown colony, but a great empire in itself. He believed their work was done on right lines. They did not seek, as part of that work to attack or undermine the religions or the customs of the peoples of India; their aim was to make such improvements as lay in their power within the area or the scope of the [illegible] organisation of the country. In short, their aim was not to convert the natives into Englishmen, but to make them better Indians. The utmost efforts of the Association must be directed to the education of the girls of India. He concurred in all that had been said about the importance of training the teacher, and said the best offering we could make to the people of India was for every Englishman whose work lay in the country to hold up a high standard of truthfulness and rectitude of conduct in all their dealings with them.

On the motion of Lord Hobhouse, seconded by Sir C. Lyall, a vote of thanks was passed to Lord Davey for presiding and the meeting broke up.

DIVINE SERVICE.

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER, 17TH MAY.

ST. THOMAS' CATHEDRAL.

7-30 a.m.—Matins.
8 a.m.—Holy Communion—Choral—Woodward in E flat.
Hymns—135, 2[illegible], A. No. [illegible] and 291.
6 p.m.—Evensong and Sermon.
Hymns—[illegible] and [illegible]
Magnificat and Nunc [illegible] in [illegible]—1819.
Concluding Organ [illegible]
Daily [illegible] and Evensong at 5 p.m.
Daily [illegible] at 7-15 a.m.

ST. NICHOLAS' SEAMEN'S CHURCH.

Opposite the Main Gate of Prince's Dock.
10-30 a.m.—Matins
6-30 p.m.—Evensong and Sermon.

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST, COLABA.

(Afghan Memorial Church.)
8 a.m.—Choral Celebration of the Holy Communion.
Hymns—3[illegible], 318 and [illegible]
7 a.m.—Parade Service.
Hymns—[illegible] and 1[illegible]
6 p.m.—Evensong, Choral and Sermon.
Hymns—1[illegible], 2[illegible] and [illegible]
Offertories during the day for Church expenses.

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH.

7-30 a.m.—Matins.
8 a.m.—Holy Communion.
Hymns—[illegible]
6 p.m.—Evensong and Sermon.
Hymns—[illegible]

THE UNITED FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND.

([illegible] Road.)
11 a.m.—Sabbath Morning Joint Service (St. Andrew's Church.)
6 p.m.—Sabbath Evening Service Rev. W. G. Robertson B.D.
Psalm—121, 2[illegible] and 2[illegible]
Hymn—51.

CHRIST CHURCH, BYCULLA.

7-30 a.m.—Matins.
8 a.m.—Holy Communion.
Hymns—5, 31[illegible], 8 and 114.
6 p.m.—Evensong and Sermon.
Hymns—23, 13 and [illegible]

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, MAZAGON.

6-30 a.m.—Matins.
7 a.m.—Holy Eucharist.
6 p.m.—Evensong and Sermon.
Alms for Church Expenses.

MISSION CHURCH, GIRGAUM.

8 a.m.—Morning Prayer and Sermon.
6 p.m.—Evening Prayer and Holy Communion and Sermon

WESLEYAN CHURCH.

(Colaba Causeway.)
8 a.m.—Parade Service. Preacher Rev. E. Geary.
6 p.m.—Evening Service. Preacher Rev J. Robinson.
4-30 p.m.—Sunday School.
8-30 to 9-30 p.m.—Social Hour.
(Wesleyan Church, Victoria Gardens, Byculla.)
9-30 a.m.—Preacher Rev Edward Geary.
6 p.m.—Preacher Rev. Edward Geary.
4-30 p.m.—Sunday School.

CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN, PAREL.

(Madras Time.)
8 a.m.—Celebration of the Holy Eucharist.
8-30 a.m.—Matins and Sermon.
5-30 p.m.—Sunday School.
5-30 p.m.—Evensong and Sermon.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH.

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THE SITUATION IN EUROPE.

THE BALKAN CRISIS.

The "Times" published on the 25th the following telegram from its correspondent at Constantinople, dated April 20:—

After the insistence of the Austrian and Russian Ambassadors, in their audiences on Friday, on the necessity of coercing the Albanians into submission, the Sultan, as I informed you, telegraphed for large reinforcements from Asia. At the same time, however, his Majesty sent for Marshal Omer Pasha and appointed him commander-in-chief of the troops in Albania, whither he was ordered to proceed immediately and take up his command. Omer Pasha was chief of the staff under Edhem Pasha throughout the Turko-Greek war. The Sultan would have sent Edhem Pasha to Albania, but that officer is suffering from asthma, which incapacitates him for field service. So the Sultan chose Omer Pasha, who on receiving the announcement of his appointment turned deadly pale and showed much emotion; for he is advanced in years, he is troubled with physical infirmities his health is frail, and his military ardour, if he ever had any, is extinct. But in the eyes of the Sultan he possesses one great qualification for his command, which is that the fullest reliance may be placed upon his strict observance of his Majesty's special injunction to do his utmost to avoid bloodshed in dealing with the Albanians. This injunction is in curious contrast with that given to the commanders who are directing the operations against the Bulgarian rebels in the vilayets of Salonica and Monastir. There no considerations of humanity are to be allowed to prevail against the declared purpose of the supreme authority.

A "Times" correspondent at Verisovich on April 2 elicited a statement from Omer Pasha, who stated:—

The Sultan's Commission is still at Ipek, but has failed to pacify the Albanians. The Turks are quite decided to employ force. The Albanians are not in open rebellion. No definite plan of campaign has been decided upon, but it is hoped that all will be ready for an advance about one week hence, and if necessary Turkish troops will occupy the country even as far as Scutari and the coast. The names and positions of all the ringleaders are known, and the intention is to surround, capture, and exile them till the country is settled. There is no main centre of sedition, but opposition is general throughout. The 200,000 troops now available will be ample, for when the hostile intentions of the Turks are understood the resistance of the Albanians will collapse.

From Sofia the "Times" correspondent reported on April 23:—

According to information derived from a trustworthy source, the position of Hilmi Pasha, the Inspector-General in Macedonia, is daily becoming more difficult. Though possessed of the best intentions, he is practically powerless to carry out the measures which he considers advisable, being completely fettered by orders received from Constantinople, and surrounded by spies who report all his actions to Yildiz Kiosk. Hilmi Pasha is respected by the foreign Consuls as an upright, enlightened, and efficient administrator; but under present conditions his task is regarded as impossible. He has been furnished, it appears, with a military coadjutor, who sees all his correspondence and enjoys the privilege of a private wire to Constantinople. Thus the system by which the reforms imposed by the Powers were successfully thwarted in Crete is now being pursued in Macedonia.

From Uskub (April 24) the "Times" correspondent, writes:—

Further particulars of the fight on the 19th inst at Smilianszi, between Strumitza and Radovich show that the band was reinforced by 350 villagers and the fight lasted till the evening of the 20th when the Bulgarians were dispersed. Sixty Bulgarian dead were picked up. The Turks lost two officers; their losses in men are unknown. The villagers who escaped capture or death were taken to the mountains. In spite of such encounters local opinion does not consider the Bulgarian movement very serious.

The Russian Consuls have been officially warned by the Russian authorities that they have been sentenced to death by the Bulgarian revolutionary committee, and that a party of Bulgarians has crossed the frontier to attempt to carry out the decree.

The Vienna correspondent of the "Times" telegraphed on April 24:—

The best Austro-Hungarian authorities on the Balkan situation make no secret of their conviction that the outlook is bad and that worse is to come. They reject the suggestion that the Albanian danger may be a feint arranged to provide Turkey with a pretext for massing troops intended for use elsewhere, and consider the gravity of the dilemma in which the Sultan is placed by the Albanian resistance to be such as to justify the most formidable military precautions. They note with satisfaction that the Sultan, albeit tardily, has begun to draft Anatolian troops into Macedonia, since these troops are at once more trustworthy and less prone to be drawn by local feuds into brutal excesses than the European Regulars and Bashi-Bazouks. It is not doubted that the Anatolian troops, if well led, can break Albanian resistance in a short campaign, but it is doubted whether in crushing the Albanians the Sultan will not be laying the axe to the root of the surest prop of his religious authority in Europe. Hither to the Albanians have been unconditionally loyal to the Sultan as Khalif—that is, as spiritual ruler—but not to the Sultan as Padishah—that is as temporal lord. There are not a few districts and villages in Albania where no Turkish official or Turkish soldier has ever been suffered to set foot. The Padishah may force an entrance into this forbidden land, but in so doing he may undermine an essential pillar of his power as Khalif.

April 26.—The latest intelligence from Constantinople reports no change in the situation of the commission of Mussulman divines who are practically prisoners of the Albanians at Ipek. The commission is still in constant telegraph communication with Constantinople, but there is no sign of any success in its efforts to persuade the Albanians to give way. On the contrary, the Albanians appear to be protracting the negotiations in order to gain time for defensive preparations. A subscription opened at Jakova with the object of raising an Albanian resistance fund has already produced more than 2,000 l. An official despatch from Constantinople yesterday remarked that five days had passed since the order to take action against the Albanians was stated to have been sent off. Yildiz, complains the despatch, continues to negotiate in the hope that the Albanians may give way after all, and in the belief that as long as they refrain from taking the offensive the employment of force must be avoided. Authoritative diplomatic circles are dissatisfied with the attitude of the Ottoman Government.

The Vienna correspondent of the "Standard" wrote on April 28:—An extraordinary Turkish Mission will start shortly for St. Petersburg, consisting of several high dignitaries, and including the Sultan's senior aide-camp. It will be accompanied by several members of the Russian Embassy Staff. The Russian papers say that, whether it be true or not, the Mission is one of expiation for the murder of M. Stcherbina.

If reports from Sofia are to be credited, Russia's satellites are doing what they can to undermine the position of Prince Ferdinand, who is now travelling in Italy, and whose absence is represented in the Bulgarian official and non-official press as voluntary expatriation, treachery to national aspirations, &c.

The leaders of the Macedonian insurrection say that they are only biding their time until this year's harvest is gathered in, which means the end of August. Then, however, an insurrection on a grand scale will astonish all Europe; but it can be said with an amount of safety that the rising in Macedonia will not be very important if it has to be deferred until September, and, indeed, it has already lost its terror for all familiar with existing circumstances, as far as action during the present year is concerned. The same cannot be said as yet of the Albanian revolt against the Sultan's authority; but even in that matter Western impatience to see results is out of place where the East is in question, and the Sultan must be credited Albanians than other people. He sends troops with knowing better how to deal with sufficient to make an impression upon the hill tribes and sends commissioners to persuade the faithful that they are bound to obey the Caliph. Notwithstanding that one of these commissions of Ulemas is just now kept as hostages by the Arnauts, this need not necessarily mean absolute failure, because presently money will be sent together with high decorations, titles, &c.; and in the end, what the late Count Andrassy used to call "sugar and whip" may together suffice. Anything would be better against the Arnauts than the use of actual force, always provided that the desired effect is secured in the end, because a real insurrection of the Albanians against Turkish authority, even if subdued, would have undesirable consequences for the relations between the Great Powers. After all, it is a European conflict only which is dreaded, and not a local insurrection either in Macedonia or Albania. The Austrians, for instance, are already in bad humour about Turkish energy having been displayed against the Roman Catholic Albanians who are under Austrian protection.

USKUB, April 28 (Times).—I was informed yesterday by Hilmi Pasha that Turkish troops marched yesterday from headquarters at Verisovich, halting for the night at Sabarjeka, on the Prizren road about 12 miles north of Prizren. The Turkish troops, he said, were received by the Albanians with acclamations of friendship.

I hear from other sources that the Turks will march via Prizren on Jakova and Ipek. The Albanians, deceived by reports of Turkish concentration against Bulgaria, are taken by surprise, and the Turks hope to surround, capture, and remove the malcontent bands before the Albanians have time to think of resistance. The Servian authorities are hopeful, but anxious to see if disarmament will really be carried out.

Constantinople, April 27 (Reuter).—According to advices from Prishtina, confirmed by the Porte, the Albanians at Ljuma and a section of the Albanians at Ipek have decided to accept the proposed reforms, while those at Jakova and the other section at Ipek have not yet arrived at a decision.

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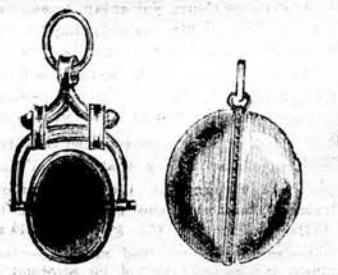

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CABINET BEREAVEMENTS.

Bereavements in the Cabinet are happily rare. No Cabinet Minister, except Mr. Hanbury, has died in office since Mr. W. H. Smith passed away when leader of the House of Commons and First Lord of the Treasury. Once before the same Ministry had been bereaved by the sudden death of the Earl of Iddesleigh, who was Foreign Secretary at the time. He was, unless one is mistken, the only Cabinet Minister who has died in a chair in Downing-street, and the end of his life came with even more tragic suddenness than in the case of Mr. Hanburry. Lord Iddesleigh had been to the Foreign Office, made made an appointment to meet Mr. H. M. Stanley there an hour or two later to talk over the Emin Pasha expedition and walked afterwards to the Prime Minister's residence. Sinking into a chair in the ante-room, he breathed heavily for a short time, and died without speaking.

SOME VETERAN MINISTERS.

Cabinet life, it would seem, is conducive to longevity rather than otherwise. Mr. Hanbury has died in his prime, at the beginning, it seemed, of a strenuous career as a Cabinet Minister, but Cabinet Ministers have not often died so early—though perhaps 57 is not early in and other sphere but politics, Lord Randolph Churchill was an exception, in this as in so much else, and his career came to an end a few days before he was 46; but Mr. Gladstone was 88, Mr. Bright was 77, Lord Beaconsfield was 76, and Lord Kimberley was the same age. Mr. W. H. Smith was 65, and Lord Iddesleigh 68. Lord Salisbury seems likely to achieve Lord Palmerston's Prime age. When asked at what age he regarded man as in his prime Lord Palmerston replied: Seventy-nine, but as I am a little older I suppose I have passed it. Lord Salisbury is now 73. He is quite a youth, however, compared with the man he made Lord Chancellor, who is still in the Cabinet at 77.

THE KING'S HOSTESS.

Lady Francis Bertie, who has been presiding over the hospitalities at the British Embassy in Rome during the King's visit to the Eternal City, has now been associated with two of the most notable events in His Majesty's career. Lady Bertie, as the wife of the Ambassador at Rome, may be said to be in some way connected with King Edward's visit to the Pope, and one of the bridesmaids at the King's wedding. Lady Bertie, as the daughter of an earl, has seen many splendid sights, but probably looks back upon the King's wedding as Bishop Wilberforce did. It was, the Bishop said, the most moving sight he ever saw, and he never forgot the figure of the bride—calm, feeling, self-possessed—or of the bridegroom—with more depth of manner than ever before. Lady Bertie was one of the eight bridesmaids, every one of whom is alive to read of the King's meeting with one of their number this week in Rome.

LONG AGO IN THE COMMONS.

The King would be able to remind Lady Bertie, or lady Bertie may remind the King, that her father was Ambassador in Paris when his Majesty first visited the gay capital as a boy of thireen. Lady Bertie is the daughter as well as the wife of an Ambassador, and it was her father, the first Earl Cowley, who saved England from a terrible war with her nearest neighbour. His Majesty will recall the story with pleasure in view of his coming visit to Paris. In the early weeks of 1858 a great crisis had its birth in the corner of the House of Commons where a few favoured strangers under the gallery. Tell our men, Lord Derby said to the Conservative Whip, who was siting there, to vote againts Government. I can't possibly do so, said the Whip; I have brought them all up to vote for Government. "Never mind," replied Lord Derdy "say that I told you?" The Whip did as he was told and the Palmerston Government made way for Lord Derby in the Premiership and Lord Malmesbury at the Foreign Office.

AN AMBASSADOR AND A DESPATCH.

It was the beginning of a grave situation in Europe. Lord Malmesbury's first act of importance was to send what has been called a highly patriotic despatch to France, and Lord Cowley, who was then our Minister in Paris, saw that it meant war. He put it in his pocket, and went to see Walewski, the brilliant French Minister who had signed the Treaty of Paris the year before, and who was said to be a son of the great Napoleon. You must understand, said the British Ambassador, that I come as Lord Cowley, and not as English Ambassador, but I have received a despatch from my Government which is so strong that I should like you to see it privately before I hand it to you officially. The Minister read the despatch, and in handing it back to Lord Cowley, said, You may give me that dispatch, but if you do, I will send you your passports to-morrow morning! Earl Cowley was a wise man. He took the despatch back to the British Embassy, and it found its way back to Downing-street twice before it was officially presented to the French Government all that was objectionable was taken out, and there was peace, instead of war, between the two nations.

THE TWEED IN POLITICS.

The national sentiment of Scotland, says Mr. Balfour, leaks out in unexpected pleaces. He was thinking, no doubt, of King's titles as well as Kings palaces. The Tweed has more than once proved an awkward factor in politics for the Prime Mnister, and the northern border is constantly asserting itself in the speeches of our public men. Even Lord Rosebery, who has a courage all his own, dare not ignore the national sentiment which leaks out concerning the King's title. I beg to propose the health of King Edward he said once and will add no numeral as I wish to leave Edinburgh alive. Lord Rosebery is the most Scottish of all our public speakers, and his Scottish sentiment leaked out again at the Guildhall in the presence of the Prince of Wales. At the banquet to the Prince on the return of the Ophir the ex-Premier referred to James VI.—I mean James I.; I thoutght for a moment I was in Scoland. Our orators must know well their geography; it may mean much to them some day whether they are on this side of a river or on that.

IF MR. CHAMBERLAIN WERE TENNYSON.

Mr. Balfour himself has had to bow down before the altar of Scottish sentiment more than once and his Scottish audience did not let him pass over in silence his reference to the English Empire some years ago. An English Empire in which the first two subjects of the King, as well as the Prime Minister, are Scottish, certainly does seem out of place. But Mr. Balfour was in good company, as Mr. Chamberlain knows well. The Colonial Secretary was speaking at Glasgow some years ago, when he quoted Tennyson's lines :—

All the loyal hearts who long
'To keep our English Empire whole,"

and his address was stopped for a moment by loud cries of British. Mr. Chamberlain yielded the point, and confessed that if he had written Tennyson's poem he would have put British. Sir William Harcourt sinned likewise at Dundee, but appeased his audience by saying, Yes, I made that mistake once before. I shall not do it again. So did Mr. Gladstone, of all men; but he was bold enough to say to a packed meeting of loyal Scots; Don't be shocked—it is the shortest word.

HOMELESS AMBASSADORS.

It is unfortunate enough to lose a king's luggage, as a courier at Rome has lately discovered but even more unfortunate things have happened in connection with despatches. No stranger adventure has befallen an ambassador than that through which our Minister in Paris passed at the time of the investment of the French capital by the Germans, and now that Lord Lyons is dead the teling of the story which he wished to keep secret involves no breach of trust, The members of the British Embassy left Paris by the last passenger train leaving the city bfore its investment, and about eight o'clock one morning a trainload of diplomatists and despatches arrived at Tours. The town was crowded, and the diplomatists found themselves in the pitiable plight of having nowhere to go.

DESPATCHES IN THE STREET.

"Every hotel and every lodging-house was full" Sir Edward Malet, who was of the party, has told us, "In vain we went from one to another. There was nothing but hubbub and bustle. It was difficult to get even a hearing of our wants. We were accompanied by a porter propelling a handcart piled with luggage, and trudged dreadily from pillar to post. At length the weary porter said he could go no further, and we had to bivouac in the middle of the street. We sat upon the luggage, and looked at each other. No ambassador had ever been in so neglected a plight." It happened that a week or two before a gentleman at Tours had palced his chateau at the disposal of the British Embassy, and the Ambassador, reluctant to cause alarm by abandoning Paris, had refused the offer, An ambassador and his embassy can hardly be said to be satisfactorily housed in the middle of the street, however, and for once a representative of the Throne of England begged a home of a Frenchman. By dragging a despatch-box from underneath a pile of portmanteaux, the letter making the offer was found, and in half an hour the proprietor of the chateau was welcoming the guests who had declined his hospitality a week or two before.

A BRITISH EMBASSY ARRESTED.

But the adventure was not at an end. The party visited one day the Castle of Amboise, and the genial guard allowed them to roam in the grounds alone. Before their return, however, the guard was changed, and the new man at the gate was afflicted with the spy mania then prevalent in France. Refusing to listen to the ambassador's explanations, he placed a guard round Lord Lyons and his party and marched them to his superiors. Never before, perhaps, has a British Embassy been arrested by the troops of a European Power with whom we were at peace, and though the matter was set right soon afterwards the indignity of being marched through the streets under arrest was one of the things which Lord Lyons would never allow to be mentioned while he was alive.

A NATIONAL ASSET.

The Income-tax Commissioner, with whose story the Chancellor of the Exchequer illumined his Budget speech, is one of the national assets for which all Chancellors are grateful. There are honest men enough in England, no doubt, to keep the Treasury full, but the Commissioner of income-tax has become indispensable to the just administration of this branch of the revenue, and every year the revenue owes to his vigilance a substantial fortune which would otherwise "gang agley." The old days of the Commissioners are gone, and they no longer make, as one Commissioner did years ago, ten thousand pounds for themselves in a single year.

THE London correspondent of the "Glasgow Herald" learns that, besides "Dante," M. Victorian Sardou has just finished another new play, which Mme. Sarah Bernhardt has signed a contract to produce at her own Paris theatre in the course of the coming autumn. Mme. Bernhardt has in it the part of a sorceress, who will probably give the piece its title.

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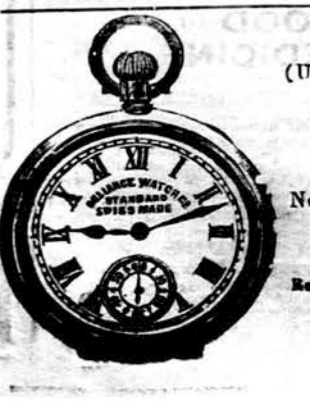

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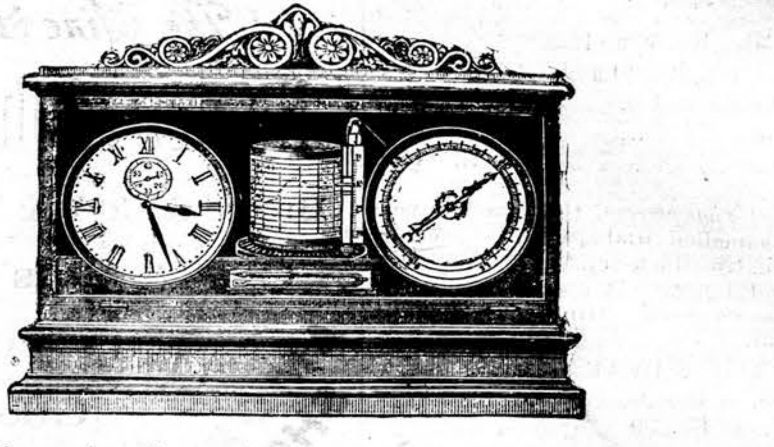

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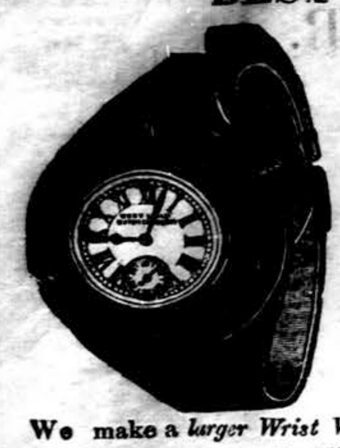

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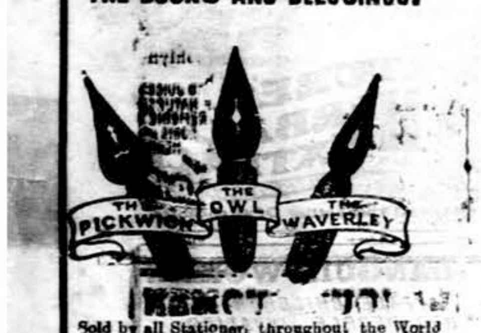

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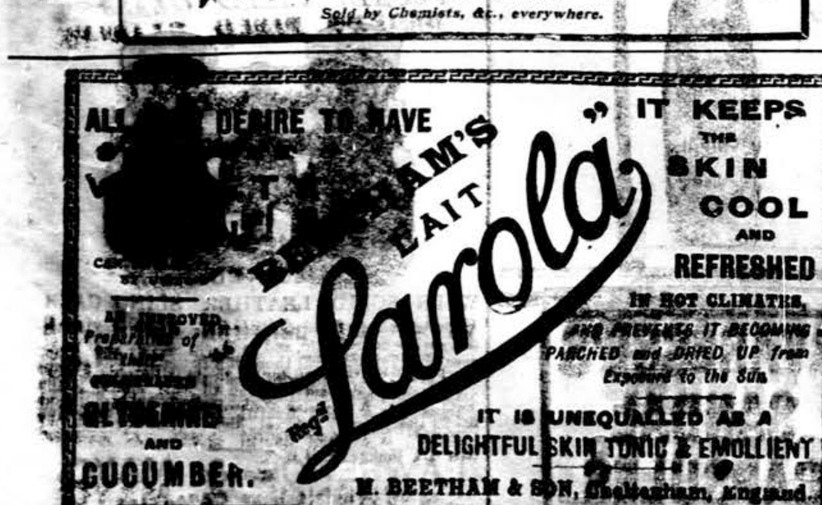

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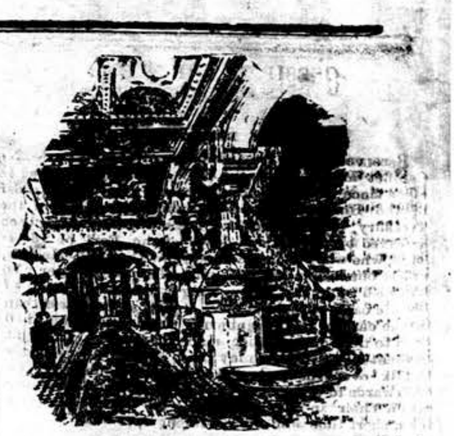

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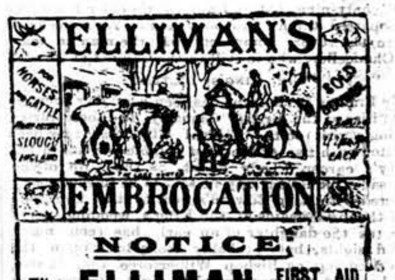

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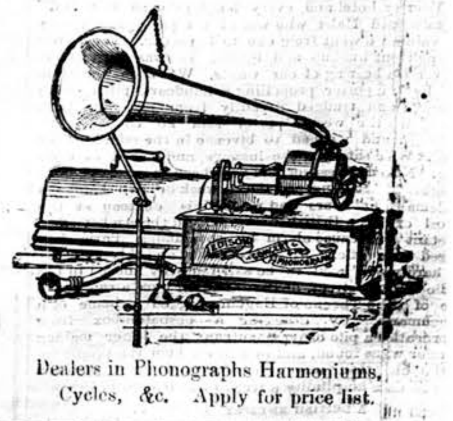

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